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"WHITE RACE NOW ON TRIAL"

THE WELLFARE OF THE BLACKS LIES WITH THE WHITES

NEGRO IS WRONGED IN HISTORY

Pilgrims Were Less Fortunate In Their Colonies Than Africans—Negro Should Be Given An Honorable Mention In History.

It is not the Negro that is on trial before the civilized world, but it is the white race. It may be called the "white man's burden" or the "Negro's failure," or whatever a thinking people may choose to name it, it is pure and simple, spun out of the whole cloth, "The white man's trial." It is to be determined if by the conditions, the American Negro as a race of people, sustain to the white population of the country, the white race is honorable, just and humane in all its dealing to a less fortunate element of humanity.

The thinking, cultivated Negro does not accept the theory that a problem is to be solved, or that restrictions are to be overcome, only as the virtues of civilization are applied, as actuating kind hearts, by the white race. The spirit to rise embodies the noblest fibres of the Negro's being, and it is not his obligation or responsibility that he must struggle against the odds to overcome them as he has no stock in it.

His willingness to inculcate the highest knowledge is proof that he is a worthy factor in the equation of human endeavor. Nor is his ardor dampened by the negative forces constantly at work, piling up huge obstructions in this latter day struggle.

The thinking Negro is not displaying dogmatism, and charging it up to racial prejudices; he rather sees it in the spirit, "They think they are right, but they will learn better, when they can accept the truth in all things." It is a real pity to see the rediculous conduct of some very enlightened people towards these crude children of darker skin.

Occasionally unguarded, one bumps into a black Froebel or Huxley, and then he settles down temporarily (curse the thought) to look upon that race as, from the same high place, of other races.

It is only fair that we must remember that there are elements in every race, and especially in the white race that do not, nor can in any sense of decency compare with individuals of the Negro race whom we see among us daily. The white man is at the bar of judgment to give account of the talents allotted to him, and the spirit of Christian graces are constantly at war with the grosser elements of the Caucassian nature.

Sometimes the market of these kindly graces fluxuate, and occasionally the temptation of domination writhes in the blood, and all the sting of brutal lust stimulate to ferocity the neglected, and uncivilized angels of the white man's spirit.

The Negro is fairer to the Anglo-Saxon than the Anglo-Saxon is to the Negro. How do we account for that? The Negro is a child of the tropics, and his blood is warmer. They do not charge ugliness and deviltry to all the white race, simply because they chance to be personally acquainted with lynchers, outlaws and evil doers, for whom the law has no terror and whom, unhampered by law, do as they please, marauding women and tyrannizing their husbands and brothers ad libertum.

The Puritans reached this goodly land at a time when conquest and triumph was fed into the hearts of babes through the nursing mother. It was not in the spirit of Knight Errantry, but rather the challenge to crude children of the forest. It seemed to say: "They shall take who have the power, and they shall keep who can." This dominant note has sounded throughout Christendom, it is the strong clarion note of civilization. It would not be altogether fair to say that the Negro had an easy time, while the white race suffered the hardships of the first epochs of American colonization.

The Pilgrims were less fortunate in their colonies than the Africans in or near Jamestown, who were brought over as slaves to work and feed the colonists. The rugged winters of New England played havoc with the poorly-clad settlers, while starvation rankled the breast of those around Jamestown in a more salubrious climate. Wouldn't it be truthful to say in history that Negro slaves saved these colonists from starvation? The rigors of winter and the hospitality of the Indians were less troublesome than everpresent stomachs, which gnawed it seemed to the marrow, and cried for its daily meal.

Wouldn't it be only fair and just to give the Afro-American an honorable mention in history? It would gladden the hearts of his present-day decendants, and further, it would facilitate the establishing and enshrining of truth.

"The white man's trial" is the plague of his soul, and it is a constant warfare between his inner self to keep out of trouble, and to retain a clear bill of respectability.

Will he, in the regard to loyalty and responsibility, treat other races less favored by the epochs of racial advancement than his race¼ Has he shown a marked spirit to do this?

I think he has, and I believe it is the very evidence of his crown. There is every mark of Godly endorsement, portrayed along every pathway trodden by the intrepid, fearless white man.

Much of the tyranny and obstacle belighting the Afro-American at this present time is misdirected, but it comes from the conditions that portray dramas, tragedies and the like, in which the lesser race was only the subservient tool, subjected to the will of an owner, who not only had a dollar interest in them, but a blod-relation to curse them.

The embodiment of the greater principles of our civil life, teach honor, respectability and goodness, the home and the church piety, manners and Christian benevolence, a proper regard for country, and respect for the laws governing us. Isn't it fair to tell the truth and give the Negro credit for being a lawabiding citizen, rearing the family standard, educating his children, paying taxes, and serving his God and his country? Would it not be right for the white man to say that the Negro is just as good in the elements of citizenship as any other race?

The mantle of charity needs a very wide scope in the application and in its blessed sweep cover the sin, and dross of all Christendom.

The Negro is not an infidel, athaeist, anarchist, socialist, train robber, bank robber, defaulter, counterfeiter, or check forger. He has never plotted to kill a king or president of his realm. He is not guilty as often as he is condemned and punished. An ignorant personnel of our jury system degrades more Negroes to the convict system of the South, than all the other forces together. Guilt does not have to be established if it is a Negro heing tried.

It is not to be regarded that the prejudices at the present time are to long continue, the white race is swallowing the allopathic dose of drastic consciousness to the worthwhile conditions of the progressive Negro, and as to the effect of his growing fitness for a complete bill of human rights. The startling thing about the status of the Negro is that he has made himself so very fit for the noblest rights ever given to man.

It is becoming quite the case that men and women who have in the years of the races' greatest struggle passed for white, are making voluntary acknowledgements of their kinship. What does this all mean? It means that not only are they proud to identify themselves with their mothers' race, but that the years are not far distant when people will be glad to know that such honorable blood as that of Douglass, O'Loverture and Maces flows in their veins.

The white man's honor is in the balance, the most sacred American principle, upon which the basic principles of our constitutional form of government rests, the pledge in the preamble, the compact of States and the interchanges of doctrinal truths, which stand forth in the promise of equality to nations yet unborn. He has wavered, he has hesitated long; he has shut his eyes and ears to the harsh treatment and pitiful wail of the crushed and helpless Negro; he has often gone out of his way to trample his honor in the dust, to traduce the goodness of his own ill-fated and misdirected blood in bedarkened concealment. He is praying now that the mantle of charity shall be delicately and lightly thrown over the multiplicity of his injurious sins. He is learning to say in his eloquence that the Negro is more greatly sinned against than sinning, and courts of justice and equity are taking hold of the henious bloodthirsty fiends of murderous lust, and snatching off their masks. Yes, the white man has the great burden of responsibility. He is on trial. Is he guilty? Yes. Will the judge—Time—acquit him—No. He will have to suffer the penalty of the law.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

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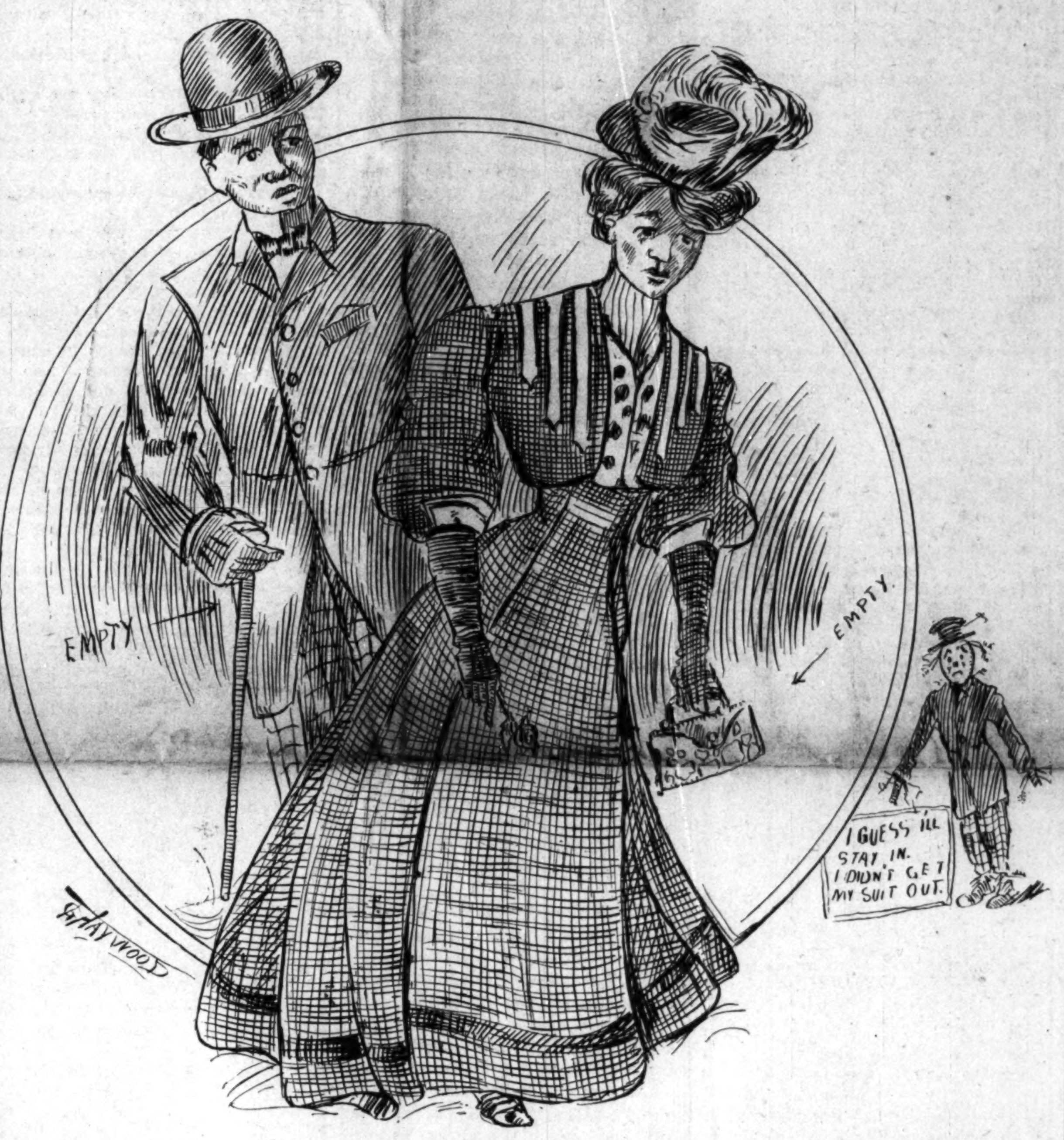
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I GUESS I'LL STAY IN. I DIDN'T GET MY SUIT OUT.
SHAYWOOD

THE RESSURECTION.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

Who waits for opportunity,
  And, when it meets him, takes it,
Is not as good a man as he
  Who doesn't wait, but makes it.
—Philadelphia Press.

Agitate! Agitation works wonders when intelligently directed.

Chicago's long-promised daily has thus far failed to materialize.

Industrial education is the crying need of the poor whites of the Southland.

It is death to the bumptious would-be leader to be kept out of the newspapers.

Evidently the bock beer people went by the calendar instead of the weather.

Charles W. Anderson has discovered that there is virtue in getting next to the "nexters."

Licking Battling Nelson out of his boots would be just fine warming-up exercise for our Joe Gans.

Shake, three times, Brer Brascher! May the effervescent Cleveland Journal, like the sparkling vintage, continue to improve with age!

Register J. W. Lyons realizes that in addition to personal worth, it is a right good thing to have what the gang calls "bull-head luck."

Now that it has been conclusively demonstrated that Dr. Booker T. Washington is a voter, and that he actually votes, perhaps the next move of the dyspeptics will be to find fault with the way he votes.

An intimation reaches us that the Rev. J. Albert Johnson objects to being regarded as a funny man. Did you ever see a lunatic who didn't insist upon having himself and his vagaries taken seriously?

Baltimoreans never permit themselves to become unduly excited when the playbills announce that "The Little Minister" is coming to town. They are accustomed to the continuous performance of the Rev. J. Albert Johnson.

Attorney-General Charles W. Miller, of Indiana, is an orator who orates. His speech at the beefsteak dinner of the Columbia Club evinced that the mantle of Demosthenes has fallen upon shoulders able to carry it worthily.

The office-seeker nowadays who attempts to make up through political pull what he lacks in character, scholarship or special equipment, will be found wanting when weighed in the merit system's nicely-adjusted balance.

Director-General Giles B. Jackson isn't fretting the least bit because the spotlight is being focussed upon his Falstaffian form. He knows it is the fate of all great men to be talked about. The best of us are frequently maligned.

Graded accommodations at graded prices is the common-sense solution of the transportation problem in the South. There is no reason why first-class blacks and first-class whites may not ride together in first-class coaches at first-class rates.

Prof. L. M. Hershaw, the Niagara Movement's general secretary for the District of Columbia, visits Alexandria, Va., with a frequency that has become noticeable to the country at large. What is the umbilical cord that so intimately connects the imperial houses of Hershaw and Murray?

Editor F. H. M. Murray, being called down for assuming a bearish attitude toward the fair editor of the St. Luke Herald, pleads guilty to the soft impeachment, but sets forth in extenuation that he is a Bruin of the harmless variety—he says he is only a "hugger."

It may be of some interest to Bishop Turner to learn that Consul-General Washington, stationed at Cape Town, has sent a voluminous report to the State Department, in which he gives a mass of facts and figures in proof of his contention that South Africa is now "a white man's country."

The Negro people as a race want nothing to do with the Jamestown Exposition. Yet, however, if sundry colored persons see vt to run the gauntlet of villainous prejudice, and give their presence or exhibit anything in their individual capacity, that is their own business. There's no accounting for tastes.

Dr. Allen Allensworth, for many years chaplain of the 24th Infantry, United States Army, has been retired, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. It is about time for the ambitious ministers to be looking sharply into the question as to the succession. When there is a salaried job in sight, the average preacher is not to be caught napping.

Our worthy women who feel themselves divinely appointed to carry on the noble mission laid down by Mrs. Susan B. Anthony, must not overlook the highly significant fact that that eminent champion of equal rights for her sex did not have a husband and a bunch of children on her hands.

Our enterprising Negro physicians are taking a lively interest in the forthcoming session of the National Medical Association, largely because of the attention it is devoting to the stamping out of the dread tuberculosis. Drs. Hall, Curtis, Williams, Francis, Shadd, Mossell, Hunter, Kenney, Reid, Williston and all the "big guns" will be at Philadelphia in August, prepared to say something that will lead us to do something.

R. W. THOMPSON.

SIMPSON CHAPEL NOTES.

Corner Eleventh and Missouri streets; Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; morning class, 12 m; Epworth League, 7 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.; weekly meetings, Official Board meeting every Monday evening at 8 o'clock; class meeting Tuesday evening, 7:30; choir practice Wednesday evenings; Epworth League Thursday evening; Queen Esther Circle, Friday evening Rev. J. S. Bailey pastor.

SHAW GIVES NEW SOLUTION

THINKS THE AMERICAN NEGRO SHOULD EMIGRATE.

SAYS MOB RULE WILL PREVAIL

We Can Only Secure Justice By Maintaining a Govenrment Ruled by the Negro—Every Leaf of History is a Souvenir of Slavery.

This great problem of the ages was given to America to solve when her colonies brought our ancestors from old Africa and settled them as slaves among the vine-clad hills and jassamine groves of the Southland of these United States. There they cleared the forest, tilled the fields, built the cities and made that Southland habitable for the race which kept them in bondage for more than two hundred years. In the course of time the yoke was taken from their necks and they were free.

Forty years of freedom look down upon their descendants to-day. Let us be so by ourselves and for ourselves. Let us leave our neighbors to live peacefully under the laws of the government which they have made for themselves.

But when it becomes necessary for one people to separate themselves from another, and to seek among the powers of the States, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature, and the laws of the nation entitle them, a descent respect to the opinions of Congress requires, that they should declair the causes which impel them to the separation.

The present history of the Southern States is a history of repeated wrongs and oppressions; all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute subjugation over the Negro race. Every leaf is a souvenir of slavery. To prove this let facts be submitted to a candid people.

They have refused their consent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

They have taken from the Negro those inalienable rights to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle him, among these are life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness.

They have substantially eliminated the common low of justice and substituted therein a mob law, the most horrid, cruel and revolting.

They have given their aid and comfort to the white cap clan, who plunder the Negro's home, ravage his fields, and keep him in constant danger while reposing under his own roof and sleeping in his own bed.

The sufferers from such outrages can obtain no redress, except through those retaliating measures that must lead to anarchy and bloodshed among the parties concerned. There is no tribunal by which to try, condemn, and by which to punish the offenders. The weak must surrender to the strong, and right must give way to might.

When in the course of human experirience such wrongs become too oppressive to be borne, history shows that governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. If such be true, and who will deny it? We come directly to the conclusion, that a government of the Negro by the Negro, and for the Negro, ordained and instituted by Congress among the Negroes, is without contradiction the only form under which the race may ever expect to enjoy a more perfect freedom, secure equal justice, provide for a common defense, and secure the blessings of freedom to the race and its posterity.

WILLIAM SHAW.

OH! HEART OF STONE.

Why resteth in the bosom of man
  A heart of stone—
When man ere long must go,
  From happiness or woe,
To worlds unknown.

Why not shake with a forgiving hand
  Thou stoney heart—
When life could be so sweet,
  If you'd forgive and greet,
Before you part,

Oh heart of in a hopeful land,
  Accept this plea—
Let faith and love appear,
  Forgive the past, my dear,
Thy soul to free.

— SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

THROUGH
THE GLIMMERS.

BY OCTAVIUS E. DUNCAN

RATE LEGISLATION FARCE.

The country is watching with keen interest to-day, a kind of see-saw legislation, in the United States Senate, in regard to the Railroad Rate Bill. Since Congress convened in January different members of this body have framed bills, having an object to regulate railroad rates the country over, acting after the suggestion of the President in his famous message to Congress last December. At last one member has gotten up a measure which meets the approval of the President and his constituents—the Hepburn bill. The bill was framed in the House, passed by that body and sent to the Senate, who transferred it to its committee on Inter-state Commerce. The bill, after numerous amendments, was accepted by that committee and placed into the hands of a Democratic member of the committee, Senator B. R. Tillman, whose solemn duty was to guide its safe passage through the Senate. Here it has rested.

That act of the committee, in itself, was the shadow of defeat and total slaughter of the bill forecasted.

Each day all we can get from the newspapers is a speech, outbursts of animated oratory by various members of this great and august body. Is this a "cover" for delay? Does the Senate boldly declare to rob the people of this necessary need?

The bill as it stands, is acceptable to the whole people in this great commonwealth, and has the endorsement of the President.

What the people want is rate legislation; they are entitled to it and should have it.

With The Educational Review, The Moon and Ebony we have three new additions to our long list of monthly periodicals which are worthy of special mention.

The manager of The Freeman could be well advised to lead a dramatic company, as he is well possessed of the dramatic art.

You should never be too wrapped up in your pleasures that you forget the solemn pledges to your duties.

"A man's a man for a what"—a parody.

The greatest thing in the world is—coal.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR BANQUET.

South Bend, Ind, Special.—Anderson Commandery, No 4, Knights of Templar will give a banquet and ball at Place Hall, Monday evening, April 16. Commander Mathews and his gallant knights will render an exhibition drill at 9 o'clock and Artis & Smith's full orchestra will furnish the music.

MAJORS MAKES A CHARGE

WRITER APPROVES OF GRAHAM'S REFORM IDEA.

REGARD IS MUCH NEEDED

Dr. M. A. Majors Strongly in Favor of Church Reform—Says That Dr. D. A. Graham's Articles Are Founded on Facts—Wants "Broadcloth Preachers" Exposed.

Editor Indianapolis Freeman:

In church circles men and women look at each other, nod their heads of disproval, whisper a few words in a senorous tone, and for fear of being heard cease their monotone speaking suddenly when they see someone approaching whom they class as worldly folk. Upon watching the carrying out of this process among the heavenly elect, one would suppose (at least strangers) that some portentious event was on, and the weird grimaces werely the frowns of those actors, accidently caught glimpses of what was in reality being transacted behind the curtain. Why at this late date all this glamor, rancor and vituperation? Why should any minister of the sacred gospel sally forth with his lute, or flute or clarion voice declaring such awful malediction against the African M. E. Church, as setting forth facts, charges it would seem, he can prove?

What an awful tale of woe it seems to be! Sounds so very much like a sound we heard in the Freeman in 1898, when Dr. Graham attempted to crucify the writer for condemning the same principles of the same church; for hiding scoundrels behind titles of D. D. and broadcloth. We attempted to tell the truth then, but the minister whose blinded eyes have been open in later years, arrested our ardor and tried to convince us we were wrong in our contention. We bore our persecution knowing then, as we know now, that we were right, not depending upon the conversion of those who chose to differ with us, and yet while we have writhed under the sting of the poisoned arrows of wrong, this Saul of Tarsus suddenly is told to "go to Damascus and to see one Ananias, for behold he prayeth.".

Girolamo said, in writing to his father, "the motives by which I have been led to enter into a religious life are these, the great miseries of the world, the iniquities of men, their adulteries and robberies, their pride, idolatry and fearful blasphemies. I could not endure the enormous wickedness of the blinded people of Italy, the more so because I saw everywhere virtue deispised and vice honored. A greater sorrow I could not have in the world and I was thus led to utter a prayer to Jesus Christ that he would take me out of this sink of infamy. I had this good prayer continually on my lips, beseeching God to cause me to know the way wherein I should walk." At the time when we were engaged trying somewhat to show justification for treating the subject of sin in the public press, a subject which the ministers preach on fifty-two Sundays in each year, we ran counter in our prophetic philosophy and logic with some o fthe doubts and dogmas of a big editor of a church paper, and his associate in the controversy which dragged its hideous, slender form through the Freeman for several months. The writer knew well that time would prove everything that he then charged, and some things which were absolutely disputed, unqualifiedly have come to pass, for instance the unfortunate sudden departure of a college president whose predilections for accursed practices upon young, innocent females of the race, from Paul Quinn College, and the repeated mistakes of appointing and hiding him over the country from the people. This and more the writer laid at the door of the African M. E. church as their own well clothed and well fed scoundren, who instead of ever being rewarded for anything to the honor of president of a college should be serving life sentence in the penitentiary of one or two states. In the singleness of combat with Dr. H. T. Johnson and Dr. D. A. Graham pitted against one many things were said containing the bitterness of gall, and when the very worst was said, there were those as there ever are, ready and willing to do injustice to the side which outweighed the other in truth and vituperation. Much of it was out of cool and sober reflection withdrawn, and here is a time when the writer made himself a martyr to save two men who stood before the world stripped and condemned with the commonalities of lewd practices. We confessed ourself a liar in order to harmonize things, to mollify the ugly position the Freeman had placed itself in, but meantime held on to some affidavits which now bristle all the more with age and which are as revolting as ever, while the writer was not in any sense relentless. We said then, shame on the bishops of the A. M. E. Church, and that was our unpardonable sin. The above mentioned gentlemen imagined at the time that they were dealing with a tame, unheralded, unwept, unhonored and unsung tenderfoot, whose imagination was at the time greater than his observation. They literally tried to skin me alive for mentioning peculiar precedents which I claimed were set by their great church heads. I find that after eight years of sober, serious reflection, my friend Dr. Graham is saying the same things which I said, only he is saying them with a certain knowledge of the innermost dealings; of which he speaks unqualifieldly, and without a reservation or limitation and in such a way as to convey the idea to all men that there be few who may escape its cutting calumny. I am sorry that the statements made by the gentleman who opposed me then are admitted by him in tones more than stentorian to be true. I am sorry they are true. The progress of the race languishes in the mire and filth of a contemptible form and fashion set up by libertines and priest craftiness. The commercial life of the Negro has been strangled to death waiting for big Negroes to fight their way to the bishop's bench. The morals of the race have become badly checkered trusting our daughters to get the devil-decked religion howled into them through the leather lunged lepers of a disgraced gospel. The race has suffered untold woe, having any religion at all of the stamp, which is greatly embellished by risking our wives, mothers and daughters to sell tickets to white men in their offices to swell up the receipts of a bazaar or rally.

Now, Mr. Editor, this is my fight. I have never done anything in my whole life that can warrant attack from any one. I stand clear before the readers of the Freeman extending throughout the civilized world, vindicated of the charge of libel, malicious, criminal or otherwise. I never guess at anything to write about. I have usually carried on an extensive correspondence whenever some piker should suffer the misfortune of my displeasure and our cause is just and the fry is worth the fine. I have known some queer things to happen in journalism and often wished I could devote my time to it, instead of snatches and jerks between calls and prescriptions. I have noted quipps and invectives and reverential reparte, but I am not used to seeing owls light on the barrels of Krupp guns.

Respectfully,
M. A. Major, M. D.

NO CAUSE FOR REGRET.

Editor The Freeman:

I have read your paper and find that it is predetermined to uplift the minds of the emancipated Negro. Like the sun, it drives away the fog of despair and informs the Negro that he is free Regardless of the many disadvantages that meet him, The Freeman holds up the nation and shows him black men who are second to none in this great republic. May The Freeman go on in its great work; may it continue to show the Negro as he is. It makes me feel that no man should regret being a Negro, notwithstanding it has been said that it is unfortnate to be a Negro.

I am of the opinion that no man should regret being a Negro so long as he is an honorable and decent Negro and any man who is not decent and honest is the wrong man and should regret being what he is whether he be white or black. We should all be proud of the color of our skin, because it is the handiwork of God. We should not feel defeated when we are victorious each day of our lives. Somewhere between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans some Negro is demonstrating to the world each day that dark skin is no sign of in inferiority.

When we learn that sacrifice will mak a nation, there will be no possible chance of our people going back. Some of our people are not willing to make the sacrifice that they might do well in the future, but if we think for a moment how the patriots sacrificed themselves that they might be free from England, we will find that sacrifice preceded all progress. Hoping that you will continue your great work. I am,

Yours for the race,
ALBERT C. KENON

Dothan, Ala.

ENGAGEMENT OF REV. DR. D. S. MOTEN. ANNOUNCED.

Fort Worth, Tex, Special.—Mr. and Mrs, Lafayette Williams at the celebration of the twenty seventh anniversary birthday of their daughter Daisy Moretta, April 3, formerly announced her engagement to Rev D. S. Moten, pastor of Allen Chapel A. M. E. church. The bridal tour will include Wilberforce and Dayton. O; Indianapolis and St. Louis. They will be at home at Ft. Worth, June 26

The well known assyriologist, Dr. Hugo Winckler, has published an account of the legislation promulgated by King Amrphel, of Babylon, which, so far as is known at present, was the first book of laws ever given to the world King Amraphel lived 2250 B. C. and is mentioned in the bible as a contemporary of Abraham, so that his statues were drawn up fully five centuries before the laws of Moses. They number 292 and contain the following:

"If a woman who sells beverages gives bad value for the money paid to her, she shall be thrown into water.

If a wife commits adultery both her and her lover shall be thrown into water.

"If a wife be a spendthrift, or if she otherwise neglect her duties, her husband may put her away without compensation, but if a man puts away his wife for no other reason than she has no children, he shall return her whole dowry."

"If a woman be rescinded, the man shall pay the woman compensation."

"A widow with grow up children may not marry again without permission from a judge."

WILLIAMSPORT PENN.

The R. H. Morris Club gave a bonnet social last week. Chicken and waffles were served.—Mrs. Anthony Johnson in Erie ave. and Miss Helen Sanders in First street are ill.—N. Fisher is the guest of his brother in Spruce street.—The Catagorical Club met Thursday night. There was a debate by Charles O'Brien and S. L. Anderson, Resolved, That strife and not education will solve the Negro problem.—Arrivals at the Chautauqua last week were H. Augusta, James Moore, S. J. M. Waley, Frank Haywood, W. Fortie, B. Y. Roberts and J. McDonnell,—Mrs. Bessie Fuqua of Washington, D. C., was the guest of the Misses Thornton in Spruce street.—Gorden Ragland has opened a barber shop in Erie avenue.

Blossom's Little Pal

By Ethel Barrington

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When John Blossom became blind the mainspring of his life was snapped. Embittered and sensitive, he shunned companionship, his small annuity sufficing for a cheap lodging and meals at a neighboring restaurant. It was terrible beyond expression to be blind, to be dragged back to life when the fever had so denuded him. Existence was barren, useless, hopeless, and when he prayed it was for death.

One day, tripping as he climbed the stairs, he felt the help of baby hands. "You counted wrong," reproved a childish voice. "I did t'uver night in the dark."

"What's your name?" he demanded shortly.

"Dora. Who's you?"

"John Blossom."

"Pretty name. Bend down." Then whispering in his ear, "I shall call you Blossom," she scampered away, singing back mischievously, "Blossom—B-l-o-s-s-o-m."

It was a week before they met again The man's mood was desperate. "You is frownin' awful, Blossom," piped the shrill voice, "but you can't frighten me."

"If you are not scared come and talk to me a bit."

"Muver don't 'low me in lodgers rooms." Blossom felt the rebuff, and reaching the top floor, stumbled into his room and slammed the door. Seated on his cot he clinched his hands in the agony of his helplessness.

"Come," he cried sharply in answer to a timid rap, whereat some one entered, whom he could not recognize. "What is it?" he half shouted, his nerves strained to the point of frenzy.

"Just me, Blossom. Muver says you is axceptions." Then in the silence the child's eyes roved over the room and lighted on the table littered with papers. "Does you write?" Her tone betokened interest. Blossom's hands moved aimlessly. "Write, write! That's precisely what I can't do, curse it!" There before him lay the work begun in pride and hope, now shattered by a darkness worse than death. He was recalled to the present by the pressure of small arms resting on his knees as the child looked up into his despairing face.

"Poor dear!" she sympathized in an old fashioned manner.

"It's dark, Dora—never any light. That's why I cannot write." His voice broke with a half sob.

"I'm dreadful sorry. Let me do it for you. I print now, and I learn fast. See if I don't." She tossed the papers aside and climbed into a chair, sucking loudly at the pencil to make it black. "What will we write, Blossom?" Receiving no answer, she looked up. Her companion's head was pillowed on his arms. His shoulders heaved. Could a man cry even as she sometimes did? Dora scrambled to her feet and hurried from the room, to return a few minutes later flushed and breathless.

"Here's Miss Arabella!" she cried, thrusting a doll into the man's hands. "When I get cryin' I just hold her tight. She comforts lots. Muver's calling. Hold Arabella close, Blossom."

The doll became the first link in a strange friendship, which grew with years. For the child's amusement Blossom brought wonderful tales out of the storehouse of his imagination, frequently in verse that he strung together during wakeful hours of the night. Dora listened and remembered. As she had said, she learned fast. She was barely twelve when she recalled her promise. "I write truly now. Tell me what to write."

Blossom smiled sadly, declaring the desire dead, but she insisted and coaxed until he yielded, repeating some of the phrasings that haunted him, and the dormant passion revived. It was new birth to the man, and the girl became his eyes, as the gift that had been smothered in darkness and uncertainty suddenly developed, and the poet came into his own. In time "our poetry," as Dora called it, verses with exquisite rhythm, in round childish chirography, found their way into editors' hands and caused comment.

So the years passed, and Blossom counted each anniversary as it came. "Fifteen today," he said on one occasion, sighing heavily. "I wish so I could see you once—just once."

Dora raised her head from copying; it was unusual for Blossom to chat before the dictation was completed. "How do you look?" continued the blind man, directing his sightless gaze toward her.

"Whose decision shall I render?" Dora laughed deliciously. "Mother says a 'big girl,' Aunt Helen 'gawky,' but Tom insists 'pretty.'"

"Of course Tom is right. Well, here is my remembrance." Fumbling in his pocket, he brought out a little case, disclosing a gold locket with a diamond set in its heart shape.

"Oh, Blossom, how lovely! But what extravagance. You can't afford it."

"You mistake. I have more money than I need, little pal."

The girl slipped the slender chain about her neck and gave the clasp into his hands; then as he clumsily fitted it together she threw her arms about his neck and kissed him. His pulses throbbed riotously at the warm touch of her lips, and he hardly dared trust himself to kiss her in return.

Strangely enough, it was the last caress she offered. From that birthday she seemed to leave childhood behind, and the man suffered in the change. He grew to dread the succeeding years. His pal was growing into womanhood, and so farther away from him. He could have lived luxuriously had he desired, but he clung to the old lodging. Critics and public alike acknowledged his genius, yet the whole world was bound up in Dora to the blind author—Dora, whose voice was as music, whose step he could distinguish in a million. He encouraged her to talk about her friends, her ambitions, and—yes, he made her tell him about Tom, too—Tom, who had grown to be a man and on whom Dora's mother looked with favor.

"I must be going now," said Dora, after a fruitless afternoon, Blossom having been unable to settle to the task.

"Tom comes." Her voice was a little tired. Blossom noticed it.

"You have not quarreled?"

"Tom never will. Blossom, do you want me to marry Tom?"

"Marry!" The attack was sudden. "Marry! It's beautiful when young people love enough for that. But your mother were better consulted. I am only an old bachelor."

"You are my pal," persisted the girl impatiently. "Mother married young. She thinks I should, but—I don't want to be hurried."

"Quite right," began Blossom quickly. Then, pulling himself together, "Tom's a nice boy. He will make a good husband"—

"He is all you say. I suppose I shall take him. Blossom, I know he is going to ask me tonight." The girl hung over the back of her friend's chair. He could feel her breath on his cheek, but it was a pity he could not see the look in her eyes. Blossom gripped the arm rests as if for support

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The devil has a school teacher in every man who swears.

The world never thinks much of the man who has a poor opinion of himself.

If God brings us into difficulty we may be sure that He will also bring us out.

The Lord is still calling for volunteers who are not afraid of a hard campaign.

One can make a hell anywhere but it takes two to make a heaven that will satisfy.

The limbs of the tree of knowledge never hung so near the ground as they do now.

The man who has no ear for music and no eye for beauty, doesn't know how poor he is.

It is good evidence that the Lord is not in the meeting when everybody is in a hurry to have it over with.

If there is a heaven for fools, the man who expects to get through on his wife's church membership will be there on a front seat.

The man who can go from Dan to Beersheba and see nothing good, has a bad case of beam in his eye.

The man is on very low ground who has nothing but his feelings to tell him whether he is a Christian or not.

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That Paul Cuffee commanded Negro crews for many years, made voyages to England, Russia, West Indies, Africa and the whole eastern coast of North America.

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Why They Wear Hats.

History does not tell, so far as we know, how it came about that members of the English parliament wear their hats. The custom has descended from an age when its proceedings were not recorded, but one may suspect that thereby hangs a tale of sturdy and victorious revolt against privilege, such as broke out at Versailles, could it be recovered. Now and again we find antique allusions to the practice. When the commons voted that every one should "uncover or stir or move his hat" when the speaker expressed the thanks of the house for any service done by a member Lord Falkland "stretched both his arms out and clasped his hands together on the crown of his hat and held it down close to his head, that all might see how odious that flattery was to him."—London Chronicle.

Bluffing an Outlaw

By C. B. LEWIS

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The New Yorker silver mine, located in Mexico, but owned and worked by Americans, had been in running order a year before Jose Favara put in an appearance. He had been heard of, however. He was known as a cattle stealer, a claim jumper and a general outlaw, and it was the popular belief that he stood in with the police. At any rate, they had not interfered with his operations to any extent, and he walked the streets of the town as free as any other man. One day Jose appeared at the mine. He walked straight to the superintendent's office and, doffing his hat, said:

"Senor Barnes, I beg you to excuse me. My name is Jose Favara. I should have called on you weeks ago, but have been busy in other directions. I am now here to do business with you."

"Well, what is your business?" queried the superintendent, although he had a pretty fair idea of it.

"To arrange to draw my monthly salary, senor."

"For performing what services?"

"For leaving your mine in peace."

"In other words, you mean to levy tribute on us?"

"The senor hits the nail on the head at the first blow. My terms are $200 per month in cash. I shall call for it myself. If accepted you will be under my protection. If not"—

"You will make trouble for us?"

"The Senor Barnes hits the nail again. I like to do business with an Americano."

Jose Favara was told that he would have to wait a few days until his proposition could be submitted to the president and board of directors in New York. He was agreeable. He went away bowing and smiling, and Mr. Barnes sat down and wrote a letter.

The proposition was extortion pure and simple. The authorities could be appealed to, and would doubtless do something. Nevertheless the fact remained that Jose was a bigger man in that district than the authorities. He could harry and harass. He could scare every peon out of the mine in two weeks. He could capture every mule and driver engaged in transporting the ore over the mountains. He could do lots of things to make the situation unpleasant, and the superintendent recommended that a monthly salary be paid. He added that $200 per month was dog cheap.

The president and his board looked upon it as a rather funny case, but followed the advice of Mr. Barnes. From that time on for two years Jose Favara regularly appeared on the 10th of each month and received his "salary." Twice during that time the peons would have struck for higher wages had he not appeared and threatened them with his vengeance. A Mexican lawyer discovered what he thought was a flaw in the title of the New Yorker and would have made cost and trouble had not Jose sent him word that he was after his scalp. It was conceded that the outlaw earned his wage.

Things were going on satisfactorily when the old president died and Mr. Nervely was elected in his place. While the dividends were large, Mr. Nervely wanted to increase them. He saw a way to do it by lopping off and cutting down. A cut of 10 per cent was made in wages and salaries, and the $200 per month to Jose Favara was cut off entirely.

When Mr. Barnes wrote that this move would bring trouble, he was directed to arm his staff and fight. When he asked for rifles a dozen old condemned Springfield muskets were sent him, but not a single cartridge. He wrote for cartridges, but was answered that the president would soon take a trip to Mexico in his private car and would visit the mine and give further instructions in person. Mr. Nervely had been known in trade as a hustler. As president of a silver mine he determined to be a hummer.

Jose Favara called, as usual, on the 10th of a certain month to be told that his salary was nix. He had been discharged. Mr. Barnes entered into particulars with him, even to stating the probable date of the arrival of the president. Jose was impassive and imperturbable. He smiled the same old smiles and bowed the same old bows. He knew he had earned his money, but if he felt sore he gave no sign of it. He went away saying that he might call again, and things went on as usual for three weeks.

Then President Nervely arrived. It was twenty miles over to the railroad, and he had to make this distance on the back of a burro, but he made it. He arrived at the mine at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At 6 the peons came up from the shaft and announced that there was a strike on. There were 400 of them. Next morning Jose Favara appeared. He wanted to know if his salary was to be restored.

President Nervely flattered himself that he was a fighter. If not an actual fighter, then he was a good bluffer. He had been bluffing for thirty years and had the art down pat. The miners might strike, and be hanged to them. They might be out for a week, but they would then be tumbling over each other to get back. As for Jose Favara, he was an outlaw, a blackmailer, an extortioner. Not another cent should he draw from the treasury. If he made one little move against the peace and harmony of the New Yorker the majesty of the law would be invoked and he would find himself behind prison

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DOWN IN ALABAM.

Yes, we have been down in Alabam, and a great trip it was, too. A colored man should be ashamed to confess, if he has passed forty-five, that he has never been South of the Mason and Dixon line. Such was our shame until quite recently. It is interesting to note the change in topography climate and vegetation. The change is indeed marked, but no more so than that which is seen in the people. Vegetation is luxuriant in the South and pinched and scrubby in the extreme North. But this is reversed as concerns the people of the United States. Judging from appearances, the white man of the South must have a bad stomach and a bad conscience. His face shows it. It looks like we imagine it would if he had lately eaten a dish of cucumbers that did not agree with him. It is little less than a mystery how these people can go on pinching and starving their own souls because of imaginary ills and dangers, and all because they are unable to see that by pursuing a policy of hate they injure no one so much as themselves. But it is quite evident from what we were able to see of the soil vegetation and industries of Alabama that there is a white man's problem there which should claim more attention than the race problem, and that is the ever present difficulty which they must face in trying to scratch a living out of that red sand. But whatever may be the difficulties attending this they all, with very rare exceptions, find the time to look and act in a manner to show that they feel an alleged superiority over all those who have been so neglectful of their own welfare as to be born with a brown skin. Just what these people read, if they read at all, that will keep their minds and souls so stagnant is hard to guess. And they have churches, too, but in these degenerate days they are of little effect on these self-assertive superiors. Many of these people call themselves Christians. It would be interesting to know their conception of the Golden Rule and Christian ethics in general. But once in Tuskegee you are rid of the ignorant, arrogant Southern whites. Mr. Washington never said a truer thing than when introducing a noted speaker at the anniversary last week when he said, "One of the advantages of being a Negro is in the fact that the colored man comes into close contact with the best, for it was only the best class of white people who come closest to those who are despised and oppressed." This is the substance, if not the exact words. So it is at Tuskegee. Hore is peace and quiet, and freedom from the evil spirit of the poor white South. But it is like being aboard of a palatial ocean steamer with the deep sea of prejudice lying all around.

DAYTON, OHIO.

Dayton, Ohio, is a beautiful city lying within the graceful embrace of the Miami river. From the heights of Woodland cemetery, which, by the way, is one of the most beautiful we have ever seen, is furnished a picture such as one cannot forget. It has a number of attractions, but none greater then the people who make up its high grade of citizenship. The relations between the races are of the kind that becomes a high grade people. The faces of the people one meets on the streets and in public places are free from the half snarl and studied indifference to be seen in most large cities in the same latitude or farther to the South. And when it is remembered that the difference in facial expression is caused by the thoughts behind the face, this is easily accounted for. By tradition, habit and training the people of this locality have had regard for the rights of others, have found no time to spend in fostering hate for those who may be of a different race or color; in short, have not spent their time in search for something against which to show their displeasure, and, hence, their countenances do not bear evidences of that mental colic so frequently seen in the Anglo Saxon where he comes in contact with the son of Ham. They are a fine people to look at, and a desirable people to be among, for they possess good consciences and consequently pleasant faces.

The colored people of Dayton live in houses—that is, they do not live in the streets as do so many in other cities. A man once said that most of the colored people he saw on a southern trip seemed to be looking for something to lean up against. It was a beautiful April day on which the writer visited Dayton and he failed to see any such tendency of its people. They seemed to know that their fences and buildings were well made and did not need holding up. If it were not for the fact that the sun rises in the North there we would regard Dayton as a most desirable city in which to live.

Mr. Nicholas Longworth does not have much patience with the general denunciation of public men in which character is assailed and motives impugned. He says that he believes the world is growing better.

Well, who said that the world was not growing better? Because the people are denouncing the politician and his methods is no proof that they think things are getting worse. The people just know a little more than they used to, that's all. They are getting "onto" the politician and his game, and are not afraid to denounce both. Where they once made excuses and apology for political rascality they are now demanding better men and better work. There can be no better proof than this that the world is getting better. The motive power that is making for better things is not found in the works of the politician, but outside of it. The people are demanding an accounting and are going to have it. The sooner the politician learns this the better it will be for his neck.

A news item from the Canal Zone, appearing in the Independent, states that colored policemen have been instructed to make no arrests of white Americans except for actual murder or to save life. In all other cases including fights, drunkenness and misconduct, the colored policeman is to trot off and hunt a white policeman to make the arrest, which usually consumes sufficient time to allow the villian to escape. Now, isn't this a pretty state of things to be backed by the government of the United States? If there is any branch of the Caucasian less fitted for the "civilizing" business than the American we have not heard of it.

A press dispatch states that the Attorney General of Ohio is busy ridding the State of inefficient militia companies. A white company and a colored one have already been disbanded. The dispatch further states that "it is unofficially reported that the adjutant general will muster out other companies who are inefficient, especially the colored companies."

The last four words makes the whole item appear somewhat suspicious. There can be no valid objection to mustering out any or all of these companies on the ground of inefficiency, but why those words—"especially the colored companies?"

There is just one serious drawback to a visit to Tuskegee, and that is this: It is sure to interfere with your criticisms of Mr. Washington and the work he is doing. In the language of the walking commedian, 'It just takes all the run out of you." Almost any place is a better point from which to criticize Tuskegee than at Tuskegee itself. If you try to do very much of it there on the ground you will find lots of woskers in your way and your view obstructed by buildings.

We hope to be forgiven for our failure to publish matter sent to us on the subject of "The Clansman." It would be impossible to print all the communications and clippings on this subject that comes to us. We do not find anytning new in this continued stream of ink, and in fact have regarded it as a waste of time. We are all agreed that the thing is bad and do not need to make further effort to convince ourselves on this point.

When political leaders put a plank or clause in a platform for the sole purpose of catching a few votes they show themselves as unworthy of support. If the two cent fare demand goes into the Republican State platform it will be just such a case.

Since Dr. Lyman Abbott gave his definition of "education" it does seem that we have wasted a lot of valuable time discussing the particular kind of education the Negro needs. Dr. Abbott would select one's education according to the needs of the individual to receive it. As measured by the individual that is the highest education which best fits him for the work he is to do.

When we wish to start our pen on a description of Tuskegee and our impressions of it as seen at the recent anniversary, we ponder and ponder, and the pen refuses to move. We now appreciate the predicament of the donkey that starved to death standing between two stacks of hay on account of his being unable to decide which stack to begin on first. It is a case of too much hay.

Through the courtesy of Dr. R. F. Boyd The Freeman received an invitation to the commencement exercises of Walden University. It is the most artistic work that has come to our notice. The graduating class consists of ninety-three members with nine in pharmacy and fifteen in dentistry.

If we could just find some way of stirring up one-half as much enthusiasm in business enterprises as we do in a primary election or the selection of a ward committeeman we could do great things.

You cannot study the conditions of a State or section of country from a car window or platform, but it is possible to get enough from these to show that you don't like it.

If the newspapers can have their way there will be no doubt that Dowie will be deposed.

At the last account from the Russian capital Witte is still busy resigning.

BISHOP A. MACK, D. D.

Bishop A. Mack, D. D., National Evangelic Missionary of Kansas City, Mo., is said to be the wealthiest colored Baptist minister in the United States. The doctor celebrated his fiftieth anniversary last September and received on that occasion the handsome sum of $3,0C4. His real estate and other property is valued at nearly $100,000. It is the doctor's intention to build five churches in Missouri and Illinois this year. His basket meetings this year will commence the first Sunday in May and end the last Sunday in June. After these meetings he will visit the Eastern and Southern states and hold meetings which will generally be interdenominational.

THE DEFENSE LEAGUE.

It is believed that one of the most prejudicial causes which operates against that higher race unity demanded in the interests of simple justice and a Chiristian civilization is, that aspersions and misrepresentations coming from those of prominence have been allowed to go practically unanswered. We have witnessed the poisoning of the public mind by writers and platform speakers of the South until its ill effect has become noticeable everywhere. The race has been maligned time and again without bringing to the offenders either a protest or reply. Is there not, therefore, some ground for these charges of wholesale ignorance and incompetence when these charges are not met by us? Have not those who misrepresent us a right to construe our silence as pleading guilty, when neither reply nor protest comes to them? We are abundantly able to meet the arguments of these men on the ground of their own choosing, and the interests of the race demand that this be done. This is the purpose of the Defense League of letter writers. On and after Sept. 1st, any such case or cases coming to our notice will be called to the attention of the Defense League in these columns, and within thirty thereafter each member will be expected to address a well written letter in answer thereto. It will cost only a postage stamp, and a little time. One hundred of thes letters concentrated on a given point, and all coming within thirty days, cannot fail to produce and effect that will be helpful. The absence of ostentation and display does not mean that this movement will thereby be productive if any less of that which is good. Will you join us?

Address G. W. Cable, Editor, Freeman.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE.

The grand ball given by the young men was a grand success at the Odd Fellows Hall. There were about 20 couples of the best people of the city.—The K A. Y. M. C. A. B. A. Club opened the season Tuesday. F. W. Borders continues ill.—The young people are very proud of the improvement made at the People's Drug Store. They have promised their hearty support to the soda fountain.

DULUTH MINNESOTA.

Walter Ball has just paid a visit to his wife and mother, having arrived from Chicago where he spent the winter. Mr. Ball true his name is a base ball player and is now training at West Baden, Ind, with the Leland Giants, of Chicago for which team he expects to pitch this season. While here he was entertained by his many friends and especially by his mother who tendered him a very pleasant surprise party.

FOSTORIA OHIO.

Miss Rosa Keys, Mrs. D. Burton and sister are ill.—The South End Sewing Cirice met with Miss Tyler last week, and this week with Mrs. Mundell on Spruce street.—Mrs. Bibbs returned from Zanesville where she organized a Missionary society.—F. Carter, piano salesman has returned to Detroit, Mich. Deputy Ira Johnson has returned from Findlay where he assisted in the iniation of four members of the K of P.'s Mr. Johnson was appointed deputy of the 29th. district about a year ago and is doing a good work, having organized several lodges.—George Edmondson has returned from Findlay.—Miss Myrtle Johnson took part in the Mission entertainment at Findlay Thursday night at the A. M. E. church.—Mrs. Nellie Wilder has prepared a grand program for Easter.—Mrs. E. L. Marshall, 341 Summit street is The Freeman representative.

WHAT THE FREEMAN'S DREAMER DREAMED IN DREAMLAND.

That Dr. Vernon will be confirmed.

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That a happy vindication awaits Ex-Recorder H. P. Cheatham.

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That Bishop Turner may take up his abode in Ethiopia or Abyssinia.

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That Dr. D. A. Graham is saving his high cards for a spectacular finish.

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That Chicago's Negro daily is paired with the municipal ownership issue.

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That the Panama canal will be dug by colored labor from the United States.

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That tariff reform will be the next fundamental issue before the people of the country.

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That the Democratic ticket in 1908 will be Bryan and Hearst; platform, 'Everything goes!"

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That a Southern man for President would poll the electoral votes of the secession States—and no more.

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That the C. M. E. and the A. M. E. Zion churches will effect an organic union at their coming conferences.

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That Prof. Faustin Solouque Delany and Dr. William Tecumseh Peyton have agreed to smoke the pipe of peace hereafter.

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That Negroes are not the only people who steal chickens, hook water-melons and indulge in the festive game of craps.

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That an irresistible wave of political independence is sweeping over the voters of the pivotal States of the North and West.

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That the threatened roller-skating mania will cause many of its disciples wonder what they will do when the rent comes round.

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That Bishop Handy declines to "discipline" Dr. D. A. Graham for indulging so liberally in the great American privilege of free speech.

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That the agitation for a reduction in Southern representation is "in bad," but the friends of the XVth amendment are increasing.

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That "Orator" Harry S. Cummings is putting in his spare time perusing a well-thumbed copy of Shakepeare's "Love's Labor Lost."

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That Sylvester Russell and Bert Williams have settled their little differences over a "cold bottle and a hot bird" at the Marshall in New York.

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That a number of the "boomlets" now blossoming out in the lidless Star of Zion and the Christian Recorder are doomed to an early frost.

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That the Methodist leaders have concluded to regard the anti-theater going clause in their book of discipline as a "dead-letter."

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That our reputable colleges are quitting the practice of conferring honorary degrees on any kind of a fakir, at so much per, if he has the price.

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That a few of the devotees of the skating rink are exercising common sense and saving restraint in the frequency of their indulgence in the sport.

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That Stamp Agent John P. Green may enter the ministry in the eevnt he is not transferred to "something equally as good," after the 30th of June.

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That reputable journalists have discovered that there is nothing humorous in the ill-timed references to Vice-president Fairbanks as "an iceburg."

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That the A. M. E. Ghurch "slate" for 1908 calls for the election of three additional bishops, and the A. M. E. Zion program is to "make" four.

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That Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce will succeed Mrs. Yates as president of the National Association of Colored Women when the latter decides to retire.

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That His Satanic Majesty has refused Tom Dixon a place in Hades, but offers him a shovelful of fire that the latter may start a little hell of his own.

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That the Kentucky "Big Four"—Ernst, Long, Craft and Yerkes—will loosen up and recommend a deserving colored man for a lucrative federal job.

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That the Louisville Negroes who supported Mayor Paul C. Barth at the election last fall are clamoring for fitting recognition under the municipal government.

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That the versatile lyricist, playwright and comedian, Tom Logan, will go out next season at the head of his own company in an up-to-date musical comedy.

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That the jim crow street cars of Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas will be no more—when the poor whites acquire some real christianity and reach a higher degree of civilization.

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That the projected monuments to Col. W. A. Pledger, N. Wright Cuney, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and James Hill will be completed before the Panama canal is opened for traffic.

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That the funds raised during the celebration of Tuskegee's silver anniversary from graduates, students and friends of the school will bring the endowment fund up to the $2,000,000 mark.

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That far-seeing members of the two great Methodist denominations will take steps to reduce the tremendous and uncalled-for cost of administration at their next general conferences.

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That the ubiquitous Charles Stewart has been filling some of D. Webster Davis' lecture engagements while the latter is detained at Richmond—and the guileless public didn't know the difference.

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That Judson W. Lyons' proverbial tact, good nature and dignified bearing would make him a most desirable Minister to San Domingo when the President deems it expedient to send a colored man to that point.

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That "The National Association of Afro-American Penmen" might be an appropriate name for the erstwhile Pen and Pencil Club, whose title was stolen some time ago by a white organization, which incorporated under it.

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That the Negro Annex to the Jamestown Exposition will be boycotted by self-respecting Negroes, North, East, South and West, who cannot stomach jim crow street cars, and who want no repetition of the St. Louis restrictions on the general grounds.

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That first-class theaters for the accommodation of Negro patrons will be established in the leading cities of the South by Negro capitalists, reinforced by the Klaw & Erlanger, Nixon & Zimmerman and Frohman-Hayman theatrical syndicate, who will play their attractions in the several houses.

CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS

The marriage of Miss Martha Moss and Ed. Thomas took place April 3, at the residence of the bride's uncle in E. church street. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the South Imperial Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have gone to Bloomington for future residence.—Miss Ethel Rally is ill.—Theodore Long, a student at the University, who has been ill, is able to return to school.—Miss Madeline Thompson was in Danville last week on business.—Miss Myrte Moss, a teacher at Armstead, Ill, attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Myrtle Moss. The funeral services of Mrs Maranda Jones were held at the Baptist church Friday of last week, conducted by Rev. Nichols. Interment at Manhope Cemetry.—Miss Mattie Gales and Paul Roy attended the ball at Danville last week given by Hildred Bell.—Miss Dora Lightfoot is recovering.

SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA.

Mrs. J. D. McGraw entertained at a violet luncheon in honor of Miss Jessie Blackmon, who has returned from a visit in Colorado and Kansas City. Decorations were of violets and ferns and the refreshments were served in violet shapes.—Mrs. W. C. Price has returned from Marshall, Tex, to stay all summer.—Dr. F S. Jones has been called to Homer on account of the illness of his wife.—Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson of New Orleans are in the city. Mrs. Paralee Williams has returned from Indian Territory.—Mrs J. D. McGraw is representing The Freeman. Ike Johnson has a nice ferry boat and is ferrying over the lake.—J. D. Smith has bought a drug store.

SUPERIOR WISCONSIN.

The Neighborly Club entertained in honor of Mrs. Ione E. Gibbs, of Minneapolis, president of the State Federation of Afro-American Women Clubs recently at the residence of Mrs. J. Willis. The following program was rendered: Music and reading, Mrs. Mayme Merry; reading, Mrs Oglesby a poem, Miss Mayme Wheeler. Mrs. Gibbs gave a very interesting talk. Mrs. A. C. Oglesby also entertained in honor of Mrs. Gibbs. Covers were laid for seven and an elegant four course dinner was served.

All persons in Latta, S. C, should call on P. E. Evans and secure a copy of the Freeman, for sale by him each week.

Every Lady Read This.

Years ago when I was a sufferer, an old nurse told me of a wonderful cure for Leucorrhea, Displacement, Painful Periods, Uterine and Ovarian troubles. It cured me in one month. It is a simple harmless lotion that can be prepared by any one having the recipe. I will send it Free to every suffering sister who writes to me. I have nothing to sell. This is a case of woman helping woman. I send it Free. Address Mrs. A. B. Hudnut, South Bend, Ind.

The Honolulu Minstrels were entertained by Dr, and Mrs. T, Stephens during their engagement at Watonga, O. T.

The Pauls were at Lima, O., last week at Moore's Theatre. They met the Kersands Minstrels there and had an enjoyable time,

Willie Wyokoff and Miss Hattie Lewis of Steton's Big Double U. T. C. Company were married on the stage during their engagement at Derby, Conn., by the Rev. Toliver.

The Beechums, Charles and Blanch are making a great hit with their sketch with Proctor's Arkansaw Minstrels. They send regards to Miss Susie Cooksey and the Crosbys

E. B. Dudley, the sweet tone cornetist and orchestra leader with Millican's Minstrels sends best regards to Samuel Cohens and A. G. Jones. He wishes Joseph McMuvny to write. Business of importance.

Robert S. Donaldson will shortly open the Buckingham Theatre, Tampa, Fla., which has been entirely rebuilt, and will have band and orchestra. Wishes to hear from Tom Logan and D. Ireland Thomas at once.

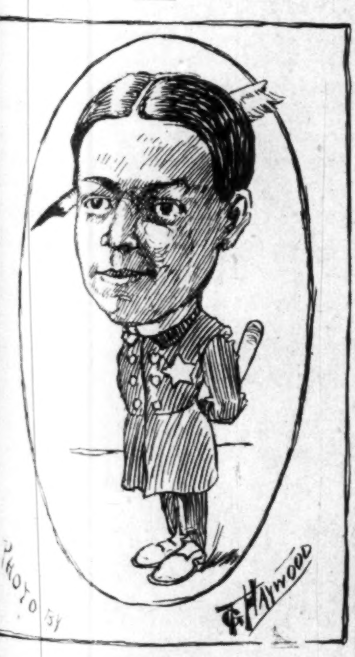
Harry Crosby, the well-known comedian was a caller at The Freeman Tuesday. He will be with the Wallace Shows this season. Mr. Crosby was accompanied by Samuel Taylor, who has charge of General Manager Schaff's car of the Big Four.

The Southern Shines Minstrels will open at Paris, Tenn. Hi Jerry Barnes is starring the company, assisted by Lizzie Thompson, the Allens, George A. Rowland and twenty others. Jerry Barnes sends regards to Tom Logan, Jim Lacy and members of the Kersands Company.

Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman has received a photo of Ed. L. Howard, manager of the Old Plantation Show, taken on the wreck of the Battleship Maine, and he is the first colored man that has had one taken there. A gale is flying the America's red, white and blue from the lapel of his coat.

Stetson's Big Donble U. T. C. Company is now playing in the New England

THE FREEMAN GALLERY.



CARLE BROWNE COOKE.

A member of the Rufus Rastus Company and Eastern journalist for The Freeman.

Dear Compatriot.

This is to have you truly know
That you yet live in my memory,
And in my heart I feel a glow
Of your benediction upon me;
Ah, old friend, in token of the joys
we've shared,
In that brief session so royally spent
with thee
I "hereby" toast the wine prepared
And wish you long life and prosperity.

—CHARLES MARSHALL.

States to S. R, O. The double quartet, Mrs. Bertha Strauder, featuring "Moon Dear" and "Silver Heels" assisted by a good chorus, Gus Goins, gun and club juggler, Willie Wyckoff buck and wing dancer, Beulah R. Chambers, tuba and singing comedian are doing fine.

R. O. Henderson's Lagretta says hello to all friends in and out of the profession and want it understood that they are still in the golden West of sunshine and flowers. At present they are located in Fresno Cal. Their permanent addres is 1805 E. St, or in care of Hughes Cafe. Offers from responsible managers only, carefully considered and solicited. Shoe-string managers save stamps. Their motto, civility, sobriety, time.

Chappelle's Funny Folks Show.

The performance of the Funny Folks Company Wednesday night in Burbridge Addition. Davis street, below the King's Road, drew a goodly number to the show. The opening chorus was rendered by the troop at 8:45 p. m., and the performance begun with the acting and dancing that brought many rounds of applause from the big audience. The songs that the company is singing are all new and original and the yarns and jokes spun are also new. The costumes of the actors are artistically gotten up and the troop will hold their audiences longer than ever on the coming tour. The show played in Green Cave Springs last night to a big crowd and after touring the State, will leave for their forty week's tour of the country. Manager Chappelle has gotten together a troop of first-class artists for his new show.

The Honolulu Minstrel Notes.

We are playing to S. R. O. through the territories. Gordon C. Collins our heavy comedian's, "Only Me" never fails to leave the house in a uproar. With his latest composition "Is There Chickens in Dem Skies?" Johnny Junk Edwards is having great success. King Rastus, the young Billy Kersands is making good as a monologue artist. S. T. Dunmore, the world's greatest impersonator of Aunt Dinah is cleaning up. Vere Adams with watermelon quartet says, "There ain't gwine be no vine." Our sister act Brown & Russell are taking the third encore nightly. Will Shields with his novelty hoop act and slack wire walking and also J. W, Pickett, trick cycliet are with us. Carroll & Rollins in their act "Two Old Southern Darkies" say look out. Milton C. Vassar has our orchestra in first-class condition. Prof. Joe Patton with his band are bringing the people to the opera house nightly. The company sends regards to all friends. Miss Anna Robinson, the sight pianist sends regards to the Mallory Bros., Brooks and Halliday.

New Orleans Minstrel Notes.

We are now back in Alabama. After playing one stand in Florida which we were susprised to go into the tropical state our boys played a game of ball at Opp Ala. Some of them doing fairly well for the first time upon the diamond since last season, Son Sims did the twirling, late of the Atlanta team and it was hard to connect with hia curves. Charlie McCurdy, the clarionet player joined at Opp. The team of Mitchell & Sims are doing clean work in their dance sketch. John Dennis is holding his own, still winning the audienc singing "If I Could Send a Letter C. O. D." "Give Me the Leavings" sung by Dennis Mitchell is a sure winner. Watts & Smith, king of fun makers are still scoring nightly. Mrs. C. E. Vaughn and Arthur Moore, the footlight favorites bring smiles and drive away tears with their comedy act. J. B. Norton, the genial stage manager, prince of fun makers, singing, "He is My Friend" with great success. Mr. Norton would like to hear from Master Richard Burrows, of Houston, Tex.

Hot Time In Coontown Notes.

Our season is now nearing a close, after many weeks of excellent and good times. At Benton Harbor, Mich., today we pack our trunks and depart for our various homes and positions wtih different shows and circuses. We have had a delightful season and everyone is happy. The only illness during the season was that of Queen Dora who went to a hospital at Alton, Ill., but she speedily recovered. H. Qualli Clark and wife, Ted Morton and wife, Jack Johnson and Clarence Dotson go to Forepaugh & Sells Circus; Count DeRobeo the Campbell Bros. Circus and nearly all go to Chicago for two weeks' rest previous to the opening of James Ferdou's Medicine Show at Pittsburg, Pa. The Englishes will go to New York for the summer and Mr. English promises a new novelty in hoop rolling for next season. After the circus season, Count De Robeo, the unicycle expert will join Frank L. Mahara's Minstrels. A. A. Copeland, the singing comedian will go to Chicago for a rest of two or three weeks and then go to Philadelpia to join James Ferdon's Quaker Medicine Company, of which Mr. Copeland is manager.

Billy Kersands Minstrel notes,

Nothing but a continous seal of praise has been with us the entire season and the people of the East have been more enthusiastic than any other section, notwithstanding the threatened strike of the coal miners our business has taxed the capacity of the houses, often turning away hundreds of people. The Wheeling Press said of the show: "Good vaudeville numbers, tuneful and catchy songs, bright and witty sayings, together with the big parade are some of the characteristics of the great Billy Kersands Minstrels, which are filling a half week's engagement at the Grand Opera House. Last night the house with standing room was sold before 7:30, and the indications are for a repetition of this business tonight. The first part represents a watermelon patch and is conceded to be one of the prettiest stage settings for a minstrel show ever seen in Wheeling, In the second part or olio there is some excellent work by the many vaudeville artists. Arthur Maxwell, the bycyclist does some clever work and entertaining with the wheels. Alonzo Moore was particularly good in illusions and difficult feats of magic. John Sherman's imperial drill comes in among the stellar attractions of the show. Then comes Billy Kersands, a real star and who is really clever in his work and was the hit of the evening. The peerless team of Campbells, Bunk and Manzer, in their superb act a universal hit. Then comes the famous Alabama quartet closing the show with one of the most interesting closings ever witnessed in a show of this kind, leaving the people shrieking with laughter indescribable." The management of the house claims we had the biggest business that has been in the house for ten years. Regards to all friends,

Dallas Texas.

St. Luke Lodge is preparing for a smoker April 24 Several notables will be present and give addr sses on Pythinism.—Mrs. Harrison Long, daughters and son are visiting in St. Louis.—Miss Beulah McNeill has returned to Waco, after a brief stay of two weeks, the guest of Mrs. M. C. Griffin.—Mrs. L. Staple and son are visiting in Los Angeles, Cal.—Mrs. P. Radliff and daughter are at Mineral Wells.—Mrs Jennie Tyree has returned to her home at San Antonio, after a short visit, the guest of Mrs· I. Starr on Flora street.—Miss N. Goodson is in the city for permanent residence.—Charles Cooper is at Marlin for his health.—Lee Thompson, the brick contractor will go to Africa soon to follow his trade.—The gospel meetings which have been going on for the past three weeks have closed with over two hundred additions to the various churches.—Skating is the great fad now.—Scott's Shorthand School opened with a large attendance.—Now is the time to subscribe for The Freeman. See Griffin at once.

Columbia Tennessee.

Unusual interest was manifested in the rally given Sunday April 1, at St Paul A. M. E. church and the various clubs of tireless and compatible workers exerted all effort to raise the desired amount so that the church debt could be eliminated. The members were very liberal in their contributions to their respective clubs and nearly $300 was raised.—Misses Marvin and Lillian Long of Mt. Pleasant were the recent guests of Miss Mary Porter.—"Thirty Years of Freedom" was given at Gholston's Hall, Friday night of last week,—Miss Emma Dickerson and Henry Brown were quietly married Friday of last week.—Rev. S. J Howard will preach the Thanksgiving sermon of the L. F. I. Easter at St. Paul A. M. E. church.—The Y. M. C. A. is comfortably located in the Porter Building.—The closing exercises of the Bible Training School were held April 8, at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church. Miss Laura Cain has returned to St. Louis.

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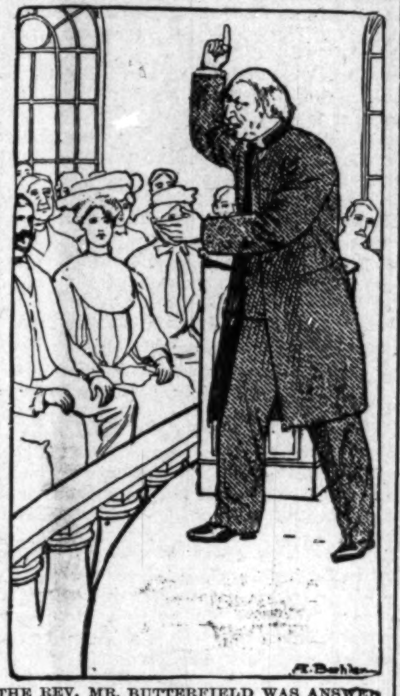
derland where old time faith wanders in search of causeless combats, as the knights errant did in days of chivalry.

When I saw Miss Butterfield next morning I dared not tell her the truth. I am afraid that, like most good daughters, she valued her father's peace of mind much above any abstract truth and that she would far rather have seen him live in error happily than grow in knowledge by a process of distressing doubt. So, even if Kerwin had been altogether in the right, she would have feared him little less. What, then, would have been her sentiments toward him coming as the apostle of the drearest falsehood which ever entered the world?

I learned that Kerwin had been a regular member of Mr. Butterfield's church for thirty years and that his skepticism was one of those open secrets which are to be found in every New England town. The man was valued for his honesty, which had become a superstition in that region. His "creed" was generally regarded as a mere superficial oddity, a harmless affectation resulting from reading too many big books. Yet the man had poisoned more than one mind in that town, though the victims themselves were in most cases unaware of it.



THE REV. MR. BUTTERFIELD WAS ANSWERING KERWIN.

However, let me speak of Kerwin as well as I can. I owe him much. It was as his secret adversary that I betook myself a second time to Denby. It was the decision to tell Lucy the whole truth about the matter which first brought us into real harmony. So I must bless this wrong headed rascal even while I condemn him.

As Easter approached, the condition of Mr. Butterfield's mind seemed to grow worse. He formed the habit of taking long walks in the evening and of rising at an unreasonable hour in the morning. Lucy wrote me that he would certainly break down, and upon the Friday before Easter I received a very urgent letter from her begging me to be with them on Sunday.

I could not get away in time for Saturday afternoon's train, and I telegraphed Lucy that it would be impossible for me to come. At the last moment, however, I decided to risk the roads in my automobile, and as a result I left the car in a farmer's barn twenty miles from Denby and reached that place in the farmer's wagon about 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon.

The sermon had begun in Mr. Butterfield's church when I crept in and took the most inconspicuous seat. No one noticed me. My first glance revealed to me that the congregation was exceptionally intent upon the discourse. There was a thrill in the air that alarmed me at first, and then I perceived the flavor of keen enjoyment.

That reverent assemblage was worshiping with fervor, and at the same time it was tasting an exquisite pleasure. Nothing else so delights a New England gathering as a discourse which has a message that is not in the words, yet is clear to all; something which is perceived, but not heard; understood without statement, appealing to the long cherished secret opinions of the hearers, fulfilling a task which each has striven with on his own account.

The Rev. Mr. Butterfield was answering Kerwin with infinite delicacy, without the faintest personal reference or recognizable quotation, yet all present understood. They knew also in what way the two men who for years had held aloof had at last been brought together. It looked like fate. Otherwise Mr. Butterfield might soon have passed to his reward and never have done this work which was his to do in that community. He had needed personal experience of Kerwin's method of attack, the personal pain of finding no answer, the joy of final perception that all those arguments are really beside the issue and that realities of spiritual things cannot be attacked by testimony of those who have not seen them because they have studiously looked the other way.

It was the absolute end of Kerwin's reputation as a "spiritual adviser" in that town, and everybody felt it to be so. But the strangest part of it was that Kerwin took the thrust so well. He positively enjoyed it.

"The venerable villain!" said he, meeting me after the service. "He has undermined my faith. And at my age too! It's a rascally piece of business."

Doubtless he felt his defeat keenly enough, though he made a jest of it in such terms. Indeed, to those who knew the man it was a measure of his chagrin that he should labor so conscientiously thereafter to safeguard and increase Mr. Butterfield's small fortune. It became a passion with him, and his success was the wonder of all Denby.

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No. 14891
Complaint for Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 2nd day of Apr. 1906, the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Jennie Laroche and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Jennie Laroche is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 30th day of May, 1906.

NOW, TEEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 30th day of May, 1906 the same being the 21st judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in May 1906, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged. will be heard and determined in her absence.

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BY CARLE BROWNE COOKE

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The book is by Mr Collin Davis, with lyrics by Arthur Gillespie, while Joseph Jordon, late of Rufus Rastus, wrote the music. Some of which is said to be the original product of Prof. William H. Vodney, a well-known musician now in the employ of Charles K. Harris' Chicago Music House. Who is really responsible for the brilliant music will be ascertained in the weeks to come. Charles S. Sager, the clever character actor is the able director of amusements, staged the production. Mr. Sager is also an active member of the cast of the cast, appearing in his original conception of Elder Cushingberry, an up to-date elder.

Jube Johnson is the leading male role and is cleverly handled by L. D. Henderson, the rising young dialect deleaneator and comedian. Andrew Tubble does well in his female impersonation of Hester Johnson, Jube's wife while Joe Weatherly is Henry Johnson. R. T. Thomas is the Captain De Young, a royal captain. Harry Reed, the popular little dwarf comedian does "Pete Jones" a lucky "jap" for all there is in the part. Dolores Thomas and Josephine Smith are seen to good advantage as the Cook Sisters, Others of the cast are Irwin Allen, George Henry, Ethel James, Lizzie Wallace, Ora Griswold and Nina Smith.

Some of the songs and musical features include "The Man from 'Bam," "Feather Your Nest," "I'd Like to Steal You" and "I'm Just From 'Bam." The last selection is admirably sung by Andrew Tubbs "Strolling" is cleverly sung by Henderson & Jones, supported by a double sextette. "The Alabama Cadets" sung and led by George Henry is pleasing. The company will improve as the interest increases. The whole production is good, even though there is only a slight suggestion of plot. Like all real comedies, the "Man from 'Bam" carries one's appreciation the entire evening in its circulation and interpolations, from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Many patrons think that the change of policy is a mistake. In the weeks to come, we are sure to know, because Mr. Motts is too good a business man to go to sleep on any point that would hurt his new project. Some think that the prices are a little high, but they should remember that a clean, high class production in a modern equipped theatre is presented to them There is pleasure and comfort as well as good clean amusement at the New Pekin, if the race supports Mr. Motts, in his new venture, which according to the present policy of the management is a plausible one. It won't be but a few years before we can build and permanently establish an up-to-date circuit of our own theaters, in the various large cities, that will be constant encouragement add a means of living for our fast increasing and diversified dramatic and musical talent.

The staff of the New Pekin Theatre is as follows: Charles S. Sager, the stage director, R. T. Thomas, assistant, Joseph Jordon, director of music, R. J. Moxley, scenic artist, Judge W. H. A. Moore, press agent; W. A, Moran, advance agent; R. W. Motts, superintendent of building; Charles Gardiner, electrician; J. Alexander, property men Mrs. Reason, wardrobe mistress; F. W. Hagen, stage mechanic; Edward Carter chief usher; Misses Mathilda Eckels and L. Biaggiottie, lady attendants Thomas F. Motts is treasurer, while the propietor, Robert F. Motts is active general manager. I was his guest at the opening performance and had the pleaure of being shown through every part of the only really up-to-date theatre for colored Americans, founded and established solely on Negro capital and built and equipped entirely by Negro skill and workmen. It has its own electric plant as well as a modern electric switch-board for various light effects. The balcony, parquet and 16 boxes have a seatidg capacity of fully a thousand persons Nearly 500 people were unable to gain admittance at any price.

The present production will run for an indefinite period, The story of the play is as follows: Time present. Place Darkville, near Chicago. Good fortune smiles of Jube Johnson, of Mobile Ala., a former employe of the Illinois Central Railway Company, and he picks a winner at the races. With the money he decides to have a good time and arranges for the same with his acquaintances in the suburb, Darkville, near Chicago, unbeknown to his wife Sarah and four children. Sarah later hears of the tryst add follows Jube to denounce him, but without any apparent effect, until he is touted later to make a plunge on a certain horse, Bullfinch by name, and warned to keep off "Jonah Man." Jube's wife learns of the information he received, and she plays good money on "Jonah Man," because as she says and believes that the horse Jube picks will surely drop dead at the post. Poor Jube loses all his money as well as his many friends whom he touted for Bullfinch. Sarah making a rich hand on "Jonah Man's" victory, soon becomes the lioness of society, and her husband is reduced to poverty. He begs her to take him back. Sarah relents after much persuasion and many promises from Jube to do better, and all is serene and happy ever after as to "The Man from 'Bam" It is our hope that the New Pekin will continue with such good clean entertainment, whether high vaudeville, comedy or the legitimate hold the boards as the feature.

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Mr Poney Moore's Palace Theatre is a scene of great activity. The work of decorating and finishing has been completed. Proctor Chisholm had charge of the work. Robert Slater, of the team of Slater & Williams is the stage manager and is ably assisted by Sydney Perrin and others in the rehearsing and staging of the entertainment to be offered, which will be a kind of high-class vaudeville conglomoration. Chicagoans are to be congratulated for having two real Negro theaters. Will H. Smith is the popular and well-known business man, who is the active manager of the New Palace Theatre.

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The Rufus Rastus Company is in Milwaukee this week with St. Paul and Minneapolis to follow.

THE MISTAKES OF WILLIAMS AND WALKER

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

"The mistakes of our lives have been many, but the sins of our hearts have been more," is the motto which Williams and Walker can frame and hang upon the wall in the hall of errors of their minds' reflection. These two actors, who had ventured out on an unexpected sea of financial certainty, belonging to a race that loves flattery, that can't stand prosperity, and with no careful advisor that they would heed to warn them of the penalty of self-estimation which has caused them to suffer today by the critics and managers who are dethroning them. Williams and Walker have threatened this season to weaken their prestige as never before. Dating back from the time that the two comedians first appeared in New York in vaudeville and later in a cake walk comedy production, which they did not even know enough to give a name, I was there among them in New York, having learnt all the traditions of the stage before their arrival. Soon after, when I brought genuine criticism into play, colored actors were not ready for rebuke or instructions from a young singer whom they thought was a mere upstart looking for fame. Colored actors had not been used to art criticism, and when they reached comedy the appearance of the critic was a menace to them. They had only been used to a newspaper jolly from critics who had no cause to survey a black minstrel's art. So criticism came. Cole and Johnson's "Trip to Coontown" was too legitimate to be criticised; when the faults of Williams and Walker's comedies were criticised George Walker pounced upon Elwood C. Knox, manager of the Freeman, for what was said under my signature. This made no difference in my adoption of the "legitimate standard" of producing comedy. Oother companies were also criticised with less complaint. After my method of criticism had become fully understood by actors nearly all the entire profession, including all the stars, except Williams and Walker, grew cordial, as was demonstrated in New York last summer. It was after Williams and Walker had returned from Europe that the budding of self-estimation was sometimes apparent. Hurtig and Seamon, their former managers, two fine gentlemen whom I have met personally more than once this season, who had made Williams and Walker what they are today, could not handle them any longer. The new Hackett-Dockstader managers could not stand for a $30,000 production and 110 people, so they flim-flammed the two famous actors and the thing fell through. As I reported last summer, many weary performers suffered losses thereby and accumulated debts which they have not even yet been able to pay, while Williams and Walker resorted to vaudeville to replenish their pocketbooks.

At length they found a new manager, Melville B. Raymond. When the company opened at the New York Majestic the critics severely scored "Abyssinia;" it was too operatic and dramatic, and hardly comic enough for a play by colored people, they said. When Bert Williams failed to score in his new song he had to fall back on "Nobody" to make his inning stronger. During the third and last week's run of the show I visited the theater only to receive the indiscretion of a "jolly" from Bert A. Williams, who made the critic look like a door mat. The highest estimation placed upon white critics is that George Walker wrote to Alan Dale thanking him for what? while the black critic-editor had to pose as nobody. When the Philadelphia colored newspaper speaks of the run at the Majestic as unusually successful, the reliable critic must tell the public that "Abyssinia" played only to half full houses during the last two of its three weeks' engagement. The show had then been cut down from 110 to less than 60 people. The prologue of the play, a beautiful scene, had to be cut out entirely and much of the music and dialogue was omitted and replaced by comedy. Five or six little donkeys were reduced to one, and the show is now no larger than Ernest Hogan's. Mr. Raymond, the new manager, is a man of strong determination. Every thing he says goes, and everybody, including the stars, obey his commands. If Williams and Walker care to be cordial to the black critic, whom they insist on not recognizing, the result will be favorable, otherwise he is not obliged to hold back the truth regarding the defects of their public work and productions. The mistake which these two actors are making by discriminating among critics or by showing an uncompromising spirit toward managers will not tend to advance them financially. Williams and Walker are not really rich men yet, and much will depend upon their future unaffected behavior.

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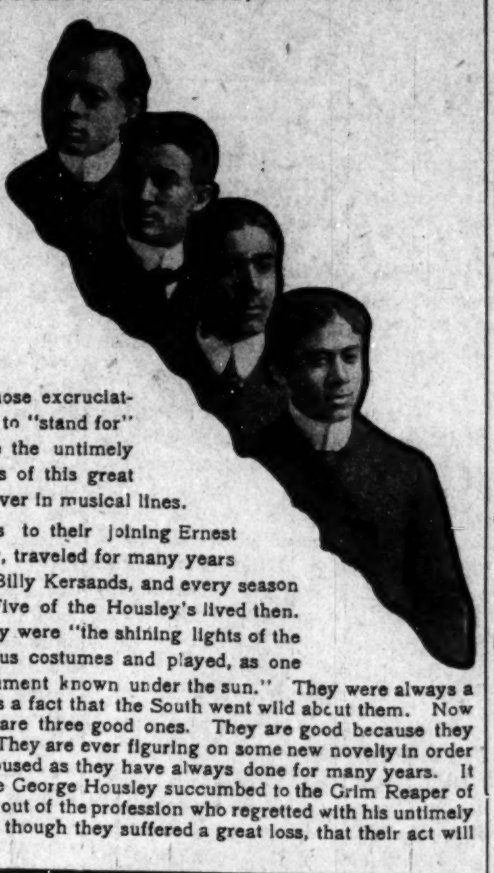

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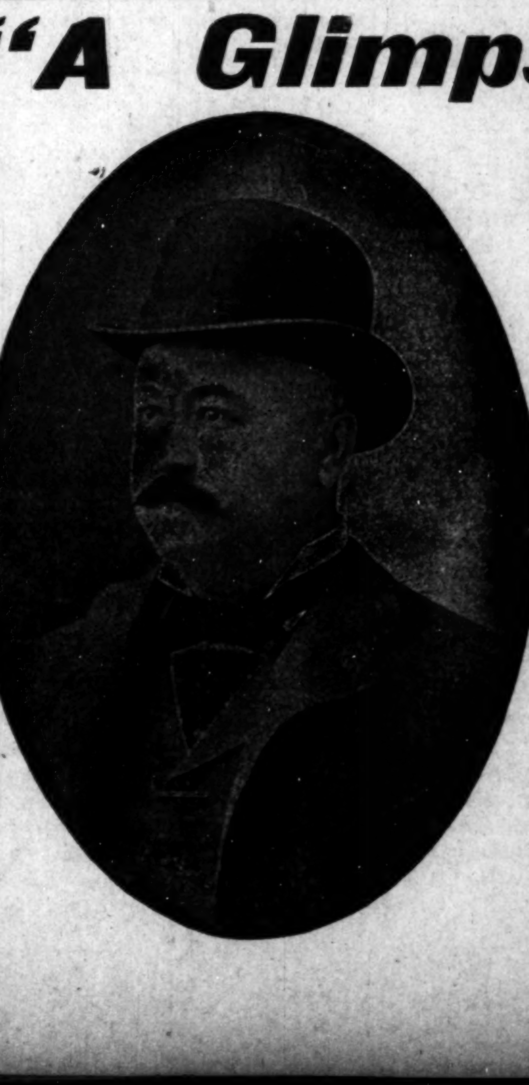

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RACE GLEANINGS

Moses Grant Lucas is president of the M Street High School Alumni of Washington, D. C.

Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard University addressed the American Society of Political and Social Science April 6th at Philadelphia.

St. John's A. M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md., of which Rev. J. Albert Johnson is pastor, is to be sold. The building is behind the times in style and equipment, and it is no longer in the center of the constituency which it is designed to serve

The congregation of Enon Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., will shortly begin the erection of a new house of worship. It will be built on the site now occupied by the church on Park avenue, and will have a stone front. Rev. Jones Watkins is the pastor.

The missionary convention held last month at New Orleans, under call of Rev. G. G. Logan, field secretary of the Missionary Society of the M E. Church, was the largest and most successful convention of the kind ever held by colored people in this country. Another convention will be held in 1907, time and place yet to be decided upon.

In addition to the four Afro-Americans assigned to type-setting machines in the government printing office Public Printer Stilling has appointed about ten colored men as caster operators. They take charge of the spools of perforated paper from the keyboard operators, and through some intricate process cast the same into type. The men are giving satisfaction.

The Louisville Teachers' Institute is one of the foremost educational agencies of the Kentucky metropolis, and its monthly meetings are attended by the 125 teachers in the public schools and many representative citizens of both races. The officers of the Institute are as follows: President, W. Pratt Annis; vice-president, Miss Georgia G. Moore; secretary, Miss Mary V. Hicks; treasurer, Miss Jessie R. Carter; executive committee, A. M. Bowman, S. B. Alexander, N. L. Payne, V. M. Simmons, Marietta Pickens and J. T. Bell

Convention Hall, the largest auditorium in the National Capital, seating 7,000 persons, has been secured for the accommodation of the Negro Young People's Educational and Christian Congress, which meets in Washington July 3 to 8. A number of churches will also be used for the smaller meetings.

The refusal of the white Y. M. C. A. in New Haven, Conn., to accord equal privileges to colored members has resulted in the formation of a second organization that shall be primarily, but not exclusively for colored men. There is much feeling expressed in that section over the tightening of the color line in theaters, restaurants and places of public accommodation where an open door has heretofore prevailed.

Miss Esther A. Lewis, a graduate of Bryant & Stratton's Business College' Boston, Mass., has been appointed teacher of stenography and type-writing in the Baltimore High and Training School.

The S. Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society of Washington, D. C., will render the cantata "Hiawatha" at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, April 19, under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton. The soloists will be Harry T. Burleigh of New York, Sidney Woodward of Boston, Miss Mary Lola Johnson of Washington, Melville Charlton of New York, and Miss L. Europe will be the accompanist. The local management at Philadelphia will be in the hands of John C. Asbury, editor of the Odd Fellows' Journal.

The Galbraith A. M. E Zion Church at Washington, D. C., is celebrating its golden jubilee or semi-centennial anniversary. Under the energetic pastorate of Rev. S. L. Corrothers Galbraith has been enjoying an unprecedented era of prosperity. The edifice has been completely remodeled at a cost of several thousand dollars, and more than $7,000 has been paid on the main debt, that at one time had been practically given up as impossible of settlement.

The Afro-American Mutual Insurance Company is a praiseworthy organization recently incorporated at Charlotte, N. C.

The Negroes of Cherryvale, Kas., are inaugurating an industrial movement which they intend to carry into all the Southern and Southwestern States. The plan is to raise money and establish factories to employ Negroes, to buy farms and sell lots to them on small monthly payments and to encourage in Negroes generally a spirit of industry and frugality. An organization has been affected and a company chartered with an authorized capital of $1,000,000. The shares are being sold at par.

Corporal William H. Gardner of Troop E, 9th Cavalry, U. S. A., who reflected great credit upon the race by his gallant conduct in the engagement at San Juan and also by his meritorious work in the Philippines, was tendered a reception by admiring citizens, a few days ago, at Easton, Md. He is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Wm T Francis, one of the most popular colored attorneys in the northwest and connected with the legal department of the Northern Pacific R. R. Co. at St. Paul, Minn., was successfully nominated as a member of the City Assembly on the Republican ticket at the primary election last week. His victory was enviable and was due to the hearty support of the best and wealthiest citizens of St. Paul. Mr. Francis once lived in Indianapolis, and has many friends in Indiana and in the country at large who will be pleased to learn of the great honor that has been bestowed upon him.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has consented to give Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, fifteen thousand dollars for a library building, the only condition being that the university provide for the maintainance of the library.

IN THE ATHLETIC FIELD.
HAYWOOD

John L. Footslug.

BASE BALL SEASON NOW ON.

The base ball season is now being awakened, and before another week passes by there will be much evidence of a busy season of the sport. Managers are now finishing their line-ups Already every ball player of any merit whatever has signed and is at work getting himself in condition for the many great contests of the season that he expects to take part in. Each club is in "splendid form" and will play ball much better than last season, so say managers. The local fan has not looked so happy as he does now for many moons, and tells you that he looks forward to a many days of pleasantry in the game of ball. He has secured a new fan to ward off the troublesome fly and new supply of handkerchief. Some have deemed it necessary to purchase a megaphone in order that they might be heard whenever their favorite scored. This office is being deluged with letters informing us of the organizing of many new teams and leagues. Southern towns and cities are very enthusiastic in base ball this season, judging from all reports. Very near every college in the South is to have base ball and good teams to play it. Louisville, Ky., is to indulge in the game very strongly, and the same might be said of Richmond, Ky., Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn., Tuskegee, Ala., and a great many more towns in the South.

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Some how it has, thus far, been impossible to get a league formed either in the South or North among the colored clubs. It has been tried by many of the local managers all over the country and at all times has been found to be a complete failure. Not the least bit of good spirit toward such an idea has never yet been entertained. But is believed by many that the success of forming one is not far off.

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The Philadelphia Giants are now getting ready for a season of successful base ball. They are to have a new pitcher this season.

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The Indianapolis 'Rooter" base ball club has organized, and they will be under the management of Mr. Roland Griffin, former manager of the A. B. C. ball club of this city. Mr. Griffin once played with the famous Black Tourist base ball club of Cincinati, O. He states that this club has the best men Indianapolis affords, and wishes all managers to address him for engagements at 1304 N. Senate avenue, this city.

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It is the desire of the editor of the "Sporting News" of The Freeman that every manager send in his address and line-up. We also ask that those prefering engagements will write us. In order that we can keep our many readers posted on base ball we ask that every player, as well as manager, send in daily and weekly reports whether they win or lose.

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We want to place your manager's name and title of the club so that at the end of the season we will be able to declare that club winning the most games as winner of the pennant and holder of the championship of colored America Note: Later on we may offer a prize if enough interest is given us.

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BLUFFING OUTLAW.

A Story from page 3

bars. He was talked to in the plainest English. Mr. Nervely talked in a loud voice. He conveyed the idea that he owned the earth. When he had tired himself out and was taking a rest Jose quietly asked:

"Am I, then, to understand that my services are no longer required?"

"Of course you are."

"But about this strike?"

"I can settle it without your help."

"And as to what I may do with my band?"

"Poof! Look here, my man, let me give you a pointer: Don't come monkeying around here unless you are aching to get hurt. If the law won't protect us we will protect ourselves. Do you savey?"

The outlaw did. He bowed and smiled and took his departure. It was a cold bluff, and he meant to call it when the proper time came.

"Do you think he will try to make us trouble?" asked the president of the superintendent when Jose had departed.

"Sure to."

"I don't. I think I bluffed him out. However, there are the muskets."

"And not a cartridge for one of them."

"Cartridges are awfully expensive. I think that empty muskets will do the trick. Nothing like a bluff if you rub it in hard enough."

The strike had lasted four days, with all quiet around the mine, when Jose Favara rode up. It was early in the morning, and President Nervely was eating a picnic breakfast. The outlaw had thirty men with him, and each and every one had a business look about him.

"When the senor is quite through with breakfast I should like to see him," was the message sent to the magnate.

Ten minutes later he appeared and ordered the outlaw to go way back and sit down. He was seized, bound and carried off among the mountains. He called for help, but there was no help. He yelled "Police!" "Fire!" and "Murder!" by turns, but the staff left behind numbered only five men, and they had no cartridges.

An hour later President Nervely was at the outlaw's headquarters. Two hours later he had got over bluffing and was inditing a telegram to a New York banker. The telegram asked for $10,000. The money was forwarded to a town designated, and a week after the abduction it was in the hands of Jose Favara, and President Nervely was set free within half a mile of the mine to find his way in. At the hour of his arrival the strike was called off.

"Didn't I tell you what the man could do?" asked the superintendent as the president came staggering in.

"Yes, but I thought he could be bluffed. He has taken $10,000 out of me. We must fix it some way to charge it up to machinery or repairs."

Bathe and Massage Oranges.

"You can learn a thing or two about fruit," said the foreign fruit store clerk, "by living in the country that produces it. The natives generally know best how to preserve and keep it fresh. Persons ordering fruit for steamer parties often wonder why our oranges look so fresh and bright. They are willing to pay a good price just for the tempting looks of the fruit. Well, we bathe them and massage them just as the Chinese do; that's why. I have lived in the Celestial Kingdom and got some valuable lessons from our almond eyed cousins. On a first class orange plantation in China, when harvest time comes, bamboo vessels filled with water are held under the orange trees, and as the fruit falls from the branch it goes into the water and gets a good bath. An orange not treated this way loses its oil from having been suddenly cut off, and it soon begins to grow brown and shrivel. The Chinese coolies brush the oranges to open the pores of the skin and let the air in. This gets the dust all out and helps to preserve them. California people learned the trick from the Mongolian farmers there."—New York Press.

Never Labored.

"Here's a man," said the defendant's counsel, with a tremulous voice, "here is a man handicapped at the very beginning of his life. From the time he lay a helpless infant in the cradle to this day, when he sits helpless under the pressure of years and affliction, he has labored under the name of Ishmael Aminabad Skeets."

He was about to say more when the plaintiff arose from her seat and shook a work worn forefinger in his direction.

"I expected I was goin' to hear strange things in this court," she cried, with shrill indignation, "but I didn't expect to hear such foolish talk as that! There's never been a day in his life that Aminabad's labored nor thought of laborin'. He's the most shiftless, lazy"—

But she resumed her seat, owing to a sudden pressure from her relatives in the rear, and the counsel, a little flushed, went on in a somewhat different strain.

Only One Side of the Moon.

Did you ever stop to consider the fact that the inhabitants of this earth have never seen but one side of the moon and to inquire the reasons why such should be the case? The explanation is this: The moon makes one revolution on her axis in the same period of time which she consumes in revolving once around the earth. Thus the same geographical regions of the moon are always toward us. One explanation usually calls for another. Therefore it may not be out of place to remark that the astronomers believe that the two motions so nearly coincide because the moon is not a true globe, the earth's influence having elongated the lunar world in the days when it was semi-liquid or at least soft.

"God bless you both, little pal," he said steadily. "I know you will be a good wife. Tom's a lucky fellow."

"You think I had better take him—You wish me to"— The girl bent still closer; her hair brushed his forehead.

"I wish—only your happiness."

"Dora! Dora!" It was her mother calling. Dora moved hesitatingly toward the door. "We will always be pals—always just the same?"

Blossom lifted his head. "Always," he promised. "Don't think about me. You love Tom."

"I love Tom—yes"— Then the door closed, and Blossom sank back in his chair. Misery showed livid in his face and stooping shoulders. Dora loved Tom! It had come at last. It seemed as if this second loss were greater, more terrible than that of his sight. He was doubly bereft. He had promised the girl they would remain pals, but new ties, new duties would arise; the old must be laid aside; he must school himself to be alone. The sweat broke on his forehead as he clinched his hands; then with a groan he folded his arms on his knees and hid his face. He crouched motionless, taking no notice of the passage of time.

Softly, timidly, some one touched him on the shoulders. The man thrilled; his soul leaped out to meet that other self. Passionately his arms opened and claimed the girlish figure of his pal. He felt her throbbing in response, the trembling of her hands as she clung to him.

"Blossom—Blossom, speak to me!" she whispered. "Tell me you love me."

"Love you? With all my being! Dora, who is there in all the world like you?"

"Why did you make me suffer—why did you make me speak?" she questioned, half sobbingly.

"I thought it was Tom"—

"I love Tom—as a brother." She clung still closer. "Men are so stupid."

"But, child, I fear I do you wrong. I'm growing old; I'm always helpless, blind"—

"I love you, only you. Blossom, just pretend I am Miss Arabella and—hold me close; it comforts—lots."

Faster and faster over the road that Corenca had galloped so well till the ribbons swung up to their old place again and cut off our view of the plains, on past where the avengers that morning had thought they would stop me and while getting their lesson in thoroughbred temper lost just the small margin of time that saved Jack until our return, on splash through the ford where my horse slaked her thirst just before rushing on to her death, on past where I held up to rest and to feed her—a brief rest it proved and the last she was ever to have—on past where she fell and doubtless now made up her part in the greenish gray ribbon which unrolled beside us. Then we rolled into Halseyville and found some unusual excitement ahead, where a group of rough men were attempting to corral a game little mare whose speed, they declared, was as swift as the wind and who still held the devil's own temper.

Prejudiced.

"Are you in favor of government ownership?" asked Meandering Mike.

"No," answered Plodding Pete. "De only gover'ment institutions dat I've had any experience wit is jails. An' de way dey're run don't make no hit wit me."—Washington Star.

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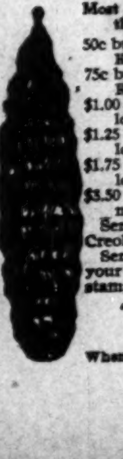

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Bishop C. T. Shaffer will lecture at Bethel church Monday night on his trip to Africa.

R. W. Vaughn, formerly representing The Freeman at Chattanooga has located in the city.

Zerrebobel Commandery will hold Easter services at Corinthian Baptist church tomorrow at 2 p. m. C. H. Langston, E. M.

John Mason, of Bloomington, Ind., was in attendance at the State Convention this week. Mr. Mason returned from the Philipines where he had been teaching.

The various churches will hold appropriate services tomorrow. At Bethel A. M. E. church Bishop C. T. Shaffer will preach at the morning services at which time seven deaconess will be consecrated. At 2.30 the Sundayschool will render a program and the bishop will make an address.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

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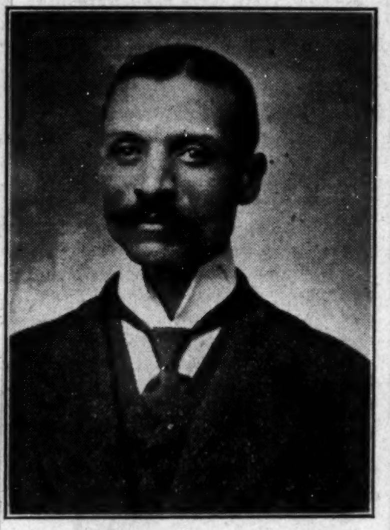
All lovers of music should attend the cantata of Belshazzar's Feast to be given in Realty Hall Wednesday for the Association and Simpson Chapel. It will be given in costume and some of the best talent of the city will participate. The solo work is in capable hands, while the chorus of fifty voices is excellent. Admission 25 cents.

A NOTED NEGRO EDUCATOR

HEAD OF HOMER SEMINARY FOR EDITOR OF INDEX

Dr. C. A. Leftwich was born at Lynchburg, Va., received his earliest education there and graduated from the high school of that place. After his graduation his father Hon. Washington Leftwich, having been appointed to a government position at Washington, moved his family to that city. Young Leftwich then entered college at Howard University and graduated with high honors, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts and later the master of arts degree. Futhering his education he then took a post-graduate course in one of America's greatest schools, graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary, the greatest and leading colored theological seminary in the world, receiving the degree of bachelor of divinity, and afterward the degrees of doctor of divinity and doctor of philosophy from the same institution.

He has served acceptably as professor of Latin, Greek and Hebrew in Cookman Institute, Virginian Collegiate, dean of Lane College, besides as pastor of some of the leading charges in his connection. Memphis, Jackson, Tenn., Sherman and Ft. Worth, Tex, being prominent among them. He is called the Talmage of his race. Dr. Leftwich is a scholar of high rank, an orator with few equals; a strong and fearless leader, a gifted writer popular throughout the country and one of the strongest educators of the Negro race.



C A LEFTWICH A M, Ph D D D

At present he is president of Homer Seminary, one of the largest institutions in the country for the education of the colored youth. He receives a salary of $1,200 per annum, his expenses, including a private secretary. Dr. Leftwich is one of the most highly educated men of his race, a strong man of the C. M E. church and is a delegate to Topeka. Personally he is jovial and full of life.

The election of Dr. Leftwich as editor of The Christian Index, the official organ of the Colored M. E. church is being strongly advocated by men of the connection who know and admire his worth as a leader. He is an experienced newspaper man, ex-editor of the Jackson Headlight, conference editor of West Texas and Louisiada conferences of the C. M. E. church. Dr Leftwich is an exponent of all the qualities necessary for this position and his prospects are very flattering.

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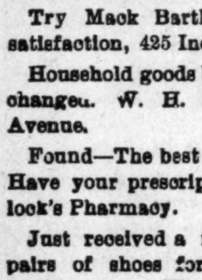

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The Snare of Earthly Treasure

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YEARS ago the Rev. Samuel Butterfield became involved against his wish in a tangled litigation over an estate. His just share may have been about $2,000, but his chance of getting it was extremely slender. Very wisely, he dismissed the matter from his mind after intrusting his case to the law firm of which my father was the head and I the latest addition, fresh from the school.

We saw Mr. Butterfield not oftener than twice a year thereafter during the tedious progress of the suit. He would come down to Boston and lunch with my father and me, and occasionally he would bring his daughter with him. They were ideal companions, the unworldly and serene old man and the bright eyed, eager girl, each inspired with the tenderest devotion and illumined by a wondrous understanding of the other's heart. They were both children when they were in the city, and they would go back to the little town of Denby, in the obscurest corner of the state, congratulating each other upon the fine time that they had had. Meanwhile Mr. Butterfield would have agreed to everything which we suggested and would have signed all documents presented to him by us without the trouble of reading them. He never asked us to hurry the case; we never asked him for any money.

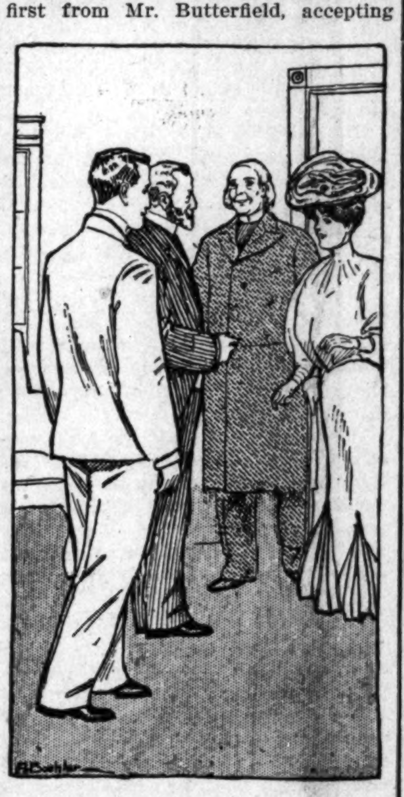
At last the suit was settled very advantageously for our client, but, to our great regret, he could not come to Boston to enjoy the little celebration which we had planned. He wrote, by his daughter's hand, that the inclemency of the winter had drawn heavily upon his strength and that he feared to tempt the rigors of March away from his old, familiar shelter.

It appeared that Mr. Butterfield, who had never before been more than a few hundred dollars ahead of the world, regarded his new fortune timidly and would value our advice in regard to its investment. He had come to an age where earthly treasure could no longer allure the fancy, yet for his daughter's sake he would wish to be a prudent steward of his possessions.

My father laid down the letter and looked at me thoughtfully.

"I have a vague impression," said he, "that Miss Butterfield will never be dependent upon this money. Her father has put it into the Denby bank, which happens to be a very sound institution. I would advise him to leave it there for the present and not to worry. Suppose you write a letter to that effect."

I did so and received two replies, the first from Mr. Butterfield, accepting our advice, the second from his daughter, taking the other side of the question. The effect was somewhat odd, as the two letters were in the same hand and came by the same mail. One was for the firm; the other was addressed to my father, but as the Butterfield case had been in my charge the letters were pinned together and "respectfully referred" to me.



HE WOULD BRING HIS DAUGHTER WITH HIM.

Writing from her father's dictation, Miss Butterfield penned these words: "For the first time in a long life I feel relief from the pressure of pecuniary cares."

Writing over her own signature, she expressed this opinion: "My father seems very much worried, and I am sure that he exhausts himself discussing stocks and investments with Mr. Kerwin, the banker. He is at our house almost every evening and sometimes stays quite late."

The implication was that the relief which Mr. Butterfield supposed he felt was merely a delusion and that he really was more disturbed in mind by his recent acquisition than he had ever been by narrow circumstances.

After considerable thought upon this matter I decided to go to Denby for a quiet, soothing talk with Mr. Butterfield and to give Banker Kerwin a bit of advice.

On the following Saturday afternoon when I stepped down from the train at Denby the clergyman and his daughter were waiting for me on the platform. Mr. Butterfield wore no overcoat, but there was a very broad woolen scarf around his neck, the fringed ends falling almost to his knees. A black soft hat of ancient design, more picturesque than the style of today, was upon his head, and woolen mittens were upon his hands. He removed one of these mittens as I approached, and I observed that the hand which he extended toward me was as white as marble. Thus I knew that he had aged greatly since I had last seen him.

Lucy told me at our first opportunity for a word in private that her father sat up much later than had been his habit even upon those evenings when Mr. Kerwin was not calling and that he was devoting himself anew to the study of ponderous books, doubtless as a means of diverting his attention from worldly affairs.

After tea Mr. Butterfield and I retired to his study, where we lighted two long stemmed clay pipes, and just as I was about to open the subject of finance Lucy came in and announced the arrival of Mr. Kerwin.

The banker was a hard featured, sturdy man of fifty-five, with a mouth that was a perfectly straight line and eyes capable of extraordinary concentration, so that his glance was not for one's face in general, but for a particular part of it—the tip of the nose or a line in one's forehead. I found this peculiarity of Mr. Kerwin's somewhat disquieting, yet he seemed, upon the whole, to be a more amiable man than his aspect would indicate.

"As to this money, this new fortune of mine," said the clergyman after the banker had made my acquaintance and had helped himself to tobacco, "my friend has come to talk with me in response to a letter which I wrote before you had been so good as to advise me in regard to an investment."

So the money was already invested. It was the first that I had heard of that fact.

I thought it probable that this rural banker of nearly twice my years would resent my intrusion into the affair, but I misjudged him. In the blandest manner and with no further hint from Mr. Butterfield he proceeded to lay the whole matter before me briefly, but with exemplary clearness. I listened with increasing amazement. The investment was of a speculative character in the sense that it promised extraordinary returns, yet it was so shrewdly considered and so wisely based upon important private information that I could find no basis for criticism. It was an opportunity such as one may not have in a lifetime, and there was a practical certainty that Mr. Butterfield would quadruple his money within a few years. Nothing could be more natural than that so remarkable a piece of good fortune should have excited this placid old man, to whom his daughter's future had so long been the great unsolved puzzle.

Yet, singularly enough, while Mr. Kerwin was disclosing these facts to me the clergyman's attention wandered. I observed that he surreptitiously read from a large book which he held open on his knee and that he was only mildly interested in my approval of the investment.

"I am satisfied, quite satisfied," he said. "My friend Kerwin has kindly taken this whole matter off my mind. I trust his judgment implicitly. Surely," he added after a momentary pause, "I have been very fortunate of late. This money has been greatly blessed to me. It has procured me the acquaintance—I may even venture to say the friendship—of a man whom I have long misjudged." And he beamed upon the iron faced Kerwin. "Doctrinal differences," he continued, "have held us apart for some years."

"Doctrinal differences," repeated Kerwin, with a rigid grin. "That's a good phrase."

"By the way," said the clergyman, veiling a nervous impatience, "upon that point which we were discussing the other evening I find here the following statement."

He read from the big book a paragraph heavy with scientific terms. Kerwin's eyes glistened, and he spoke the instant that the reader paused. He had not uttered three sentences before I perceived that the man was a dogmatic materialist and that he was hammering at the foundations of the other's belief.

Kerwin was one of those men who have read a great mass of high grade scientific literature late in life, but have never had a groundwork of scientific training. They know what the scientists say, but not what they mean. It is nearly impossible for any man who has not received systematic instruction in the actual labor of investigation to understand the real essence of the simplest scientific statement, such as "salt consists of sodium and chlorine." The greatest chemist in the world might say that, but he would mean only that no one whom he knew of had ever found anything else in salt. The true scientist takes his reader's lack of dogmatism for granted, and that is why he is so rarely understood.

Mr. Butterfield seemed bewildered by the skeptic's array of facts and to be vainly seeking for some higher scientific authority which would contradict his enemy. Such a struggle is futile and tends more strongly than anything else to throw the mind into a condition of miserable and hopeless doubt. With inexpressible pain I beheld the beginning of the ruin of this good old man's faith and peace, and by 11 o'clock of that evening I was upon the point of throwing Kerwin out of the window.

After the banker had gone Mr. Butterfield tried to continue the discussion with me; but, finding that I agreed with him too well, he desisted. He seemed to be upon that dangerous bor-

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